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WEEKS DAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35
Yuenai ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35
Shatin ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35
Taipei ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35
Taipei Market ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35
Fanning ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35
Shuanghui ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35
Shumoh ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	5.58							

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Shumoh ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Shuanghui ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Fanning ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Shatin ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Yuenai ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.58	6.46	7.29

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35
Yuenai ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35
Shatin ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35
Taipei ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35
Taipei Market ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35
Fanning ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35
Shuanghui ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35
Shumoh ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35
Canton ...Arr.	11.50								

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Canton ...Dep.	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	5.00	5.24	5.58	6.24
Shumoh ...Dep.	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	5.00	5.24	5.58	6.24
Shuanghui ...Dep.	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	5.00	5.24	5.58	6.24
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, November 18th.
The announcement published recently in London that the Americans have a scheme for a trans-Atlantic service of liners that would cross in 3½ days does not greatly interest shipping circles in this country. The idea sounds very striking, and is just the sort of statement to set people talking, but it is not considered a practical proposition. This attitude of polite scepticism is not due to any doubt that the trip in 3½ days is impracticable; on the contrary, Sir Charles Parsons, the most eminent of our marine engineers, states that it could be done. But British shipping experts are convinced that the proposed "Blue Ribbon Line" could never pay dividends. And, after all, that is essential.

The projected ships would be of 20,000 tons gross, or less than one-third the size of the *Majestic*. At a continuous speed of 33½ knots they would, of course, burn enormous quantities of oil, and other operating charges would be very high. Only 400 passengers could be carried, and therefore it would be necessary to charge extremely high fares to cover the bare cost of running the liners. Then the wear and tear would be enormous, and finally, it may be left to the imagination to picture the plight of passengers in a vessel driven across the Atlantic at 37 miles an hour in half a gale of wind. The voyage in an old tramp steamer would be conceivably preferable.

Speed Of Cargo Ships.

On this question of faster ships, a friend intimate with shipping affairs tells me that there is a tendency everywhere to build cargo ships capable of faster speed than heretofore, more particularly where they are intended for regular services. In the war-war period twelve knots was the maximum for the ordinary line and one or two others decided that the old tradition was worn out, so they built ships that could make better time. The majority of owners were content with nine or ten knots, but now fourteen or fifteen knots is the regular speed for a cargo liner. Shippers are invariably giving preference for tonnage of this speed, probably because the rapid fluctuations in market values make it impossible to keep goods long.

The Queen Of Norway.

In Society circles in London interest is aroused by the rumour, which is and is well-founded, that Queen Maud of Norway intends to set up house in the West End. She is here at present on a long stay, making Claridges Hotel her headquarters. For years Queen Maud has had a house in Norfolk, Anpton Hall, and those who know the facts state that in future she will spend every winter in England because she cannot stand the rigour of that season of the year in Norway.

The Holborn Automatic Exchange.

This week the new automatic telephone exchange has been opened in Holborn, and it has failed to fulfil the promises made of its wonderful accuracy in getting subscribers in touch with those they desired to reach. There were to be no more delays due to the lapses of the "telephone girl" who is constantly represented as powdering her nose or gossiping when she ought to be attending to duty. But the new Robot exchange, like every other piece of mechanism, will not work well unless it is set going in the right way. The Post Office experts say it will, but the thousands of business people who are connected are up in arms.

The human factor has been ruled out to a remarkable extent. If you want a number you simply take up the receiver and first turn round with the finger successfully to the letters of the exchange required, and then the figures of the number. A high-pitched rattle called the "dialling tone" tells you if you are (Continued on next Column.)

RUSSIA'S ARMY.

TANKS AND SECRET POISON GAS.

270 MACHINE GUNS TO A DIVISION.

The Petrograd Review, in a review of the present armed forces in Soviet Russia, states that 50 per cent. of them are represented by territorial and militia units organised all over the country. The original 5,500,000 army has been reconstructed and its numbers reduced, but the majority of the demobilised have been drafted as instructors of the territorial units. Figures are given showing that a division of the Red Army is supplied with 48 cannon and 270 machine guns, while a Japanese division is reported as having only 21 cannon and 264 machine guns. Other countries where the number of cannon is less than in Soviet Russia are stated to be Italy, Poland, Latvia, and Estonia. *Investia continues:*

Today our infantry is equipped with a three-line rifle and a Maxim gun. In addition to this, we are now making a hand-machine gun which has so far not been tried in warfare. Our tanks are made to move quickly, and their construction, armour, and ability to fight obstacles are at least not lower than the latest West European models.

The Red cavalry is equipped with the same arms as the infantry, but has, in addition, armoured motor-cars. The artillery is equipped with all forms of guns which have been used in the Imperialist war. We have succeeded, however, in making them lighter and have thus increased their rate of mobility. Against enemy planes and aircraft we have perfected a special system of anti-aircraft artillery.

As regards chemical warfare, we have done much since 1923, and we are now manufacturing poison gases not known to everybody. The Air Force has been increased and many aeroplanes are being manufactured in the country.

During the last seven years we have also strengthened and modernised our Red Navy, i.e., we have prepared it to be able to fight present-day naval units. Active reservists are stated to number 2,500,000.

through; another discordant noise is an indication that the number is or is not engaged. But people seem unable to distinguish the right notes as they smite the ear, and so keep working the device with the result that thousands of firms have found it quicker to send a messenger than use the telephone, which only wastes time. Nothing is more exasperating than a Robot which refuses to go out.

The Films Bill Passed.

After the most strenuous opposition in the House of Commons the Films Bill has passed the third reading, and it will soon be law. Every conceivable device was employed to defeat it, or to make it of no account. The broad fact is that the cinematograph industry on the whole is well satisfied with the Bill.

One of the last objections was in regard to the employment of foreign producers in the making of a film. It was originally proposed to ban any film unless it was made by a British producer. It sounds patriotic, but the net result would have been to prevent the industry from drawing on the best technical brains, wherever they might be found, for the great end in view—the production of films that will carry the flag of British film production all over the civilised world.

For reasons that are well-known there are not enough men here with technical knowledge to make at the present time a hundred British films a year. This is the number required to begin with under the quota scheme. It takes a first-class man at least from eight to ten weeks to produce a film. The Americans draw upon every nation for producers. Britain is going to do likewise. The main thing is to keep the control of film companies in British hands, and this will be done.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

Today.

Fanning Hunt: Meet Hunters' Arms, 8.30 a.m.
Entrances close for Fanning Hunt Steeplechase.
H.K. Art Club Exhibition, Pedder Building (4th Floor), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Cricket League:—Division II: Royal Navy v. Royal Engineers' XI, M.S. Tamar v. University 2nd XI (Friendly).
Investiture Government House, 4 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; H.K. Philharmonic Society present "Merrie England" (matinee), Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m.
Football League:—Division I: Queen's Regt. v. Royal Artillery.
Hockey: Club 1st XI v. H.K.S.R.A., U.S.R.C., 4.45 p.m.
Final meeting Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."
World Theatre: "Sea Horses."
Star Theatre: "Hogan's Alley."
Principal Mails:—Inward: London parcel mail (Kalyan). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Kalyan), 2.30 p.m.

Thursday.

H.K. Art Club Exhibition, Pedder Building (4th Floor), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Football: University v. Ling Nam University, H.K. University Ground, 3 p.m.
Garrison Football League: H.Q. 2 K.O.S.B. v. H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B., 12th H. Bty. R.A. v. B. Coy. K.O.S.B., Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m., and Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Hockey: K.O.S.B. 2nd XI v. Y.M.C.A., King's Park, 5 p.m.
Helena May Institute Concert: "Alice in Wonderland" (Music and Play), 5.30 p.m.
After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Debate at European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 9 p.m.
H.K. Philharmonic Society present "Merrie England," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."
World Theatre: "Beware of Widows."
Star Theatre: "It's The Old Army Game."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia, etc. (Aki Maru), Europe via Negapatnam, letters only (Antenor).

Friday.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club "A" v. K.O.S.B., King's Park, 5 p.m.; University "B" v. Y.M.C.A., "A."
H.K. Automobile Association Dinner-Dance, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club Whist Drive, Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.
H.K. Philharmonic Society present "Merrie England," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."
World Theatre: "Beware of Widows."
Star Theatre: "It's The Old Army Game."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via S'beria (Hakozaki Maru). Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (Changite), 10.30 a.m.

Saturday.

Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m.
Golf: Boney Pool, Fanning.
Fanning Hunt: Meet Sheung Shui Police Station, 2.45 p.m.
Yachting: Challenge Cup race for racing yachts.
Lawn Bowls: Official closing and distribution of prizes, Talkoo Bowling Green Club, 3 p.m.
Cricket League:—Division I: Chinese R.C. v. C.S.C.C.; University v. R.C.A.; I.R.C. "B" v. Cranpenger C.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. R.C.C. "A"; Division II: C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v. University 2nd XI; H.K. Electric Co. v. Kowloon C.C. and XI; Police R.C. v. Royal Navy.
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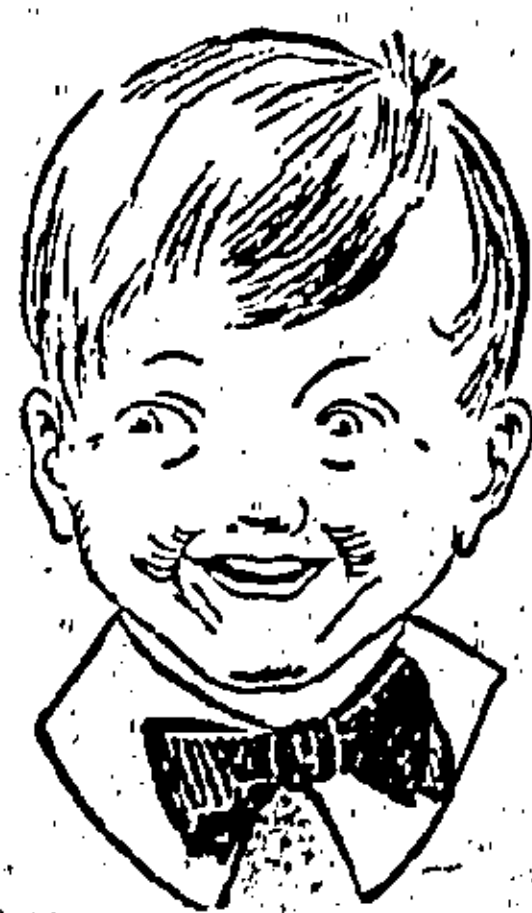
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BRITISH POLICY IN CHINA.

TRADE WITH THE EAST.

NEED OF RETAINING SAFEGUARDS.

THE HANKOW CONCESSION.

Cabled summaries were published a month ago of an important letter to the London Times on British Policy in China, strongly urging the retention of present safeguards and the resumption of British control of the Hankow Settlement. We publish below the full text of the letter and the list of its signatories. It states:—

In view of the increasing disorder in China, which is so seriously prejudicing British trade, and the likelihood of the situation there becoming the subject of questions in Parliament, the China Committee, which represents all sections of our commerce in China, would be glad if you would allow the undersigned to give their views in regard to the difficult problems which China presents.

These views have not been formed without reference to the existence of larger issues. We appreciate, for example, the changed setting of Pacific questions created by the Washington Conference. Or to take another example, we are mindful of the possible reaction of Chinese on European affairs through Russia. And, needless to say, we are profoundly conscious of other economic and political changes made in European life by the war. Chinese nationalism is another factor to which we have done our best to give due consideration. It is a factor of which we have practical knowledge, knowledge which has impressed on us the necessity for taking long views and for supporting policy of liberality in our dealings with China.

Harm From The Hankow Agreement.

Within the grounds thus limited and cleared the first opinion we desire to express is that, until Chinese nationalism is able to furnish more evidence of constructive and administrative capacity than it has so far given, the safeguards under which British trade has hitherto been conducted ought not to be further weakened. The dissolution of the British Concession at Hankow has proved extremely harmful to British commercial interests there and throughout the Yangtze Valley. The safeguards represented by other Concessions ought for the time being to be maintained. Negotiations have been begun for radical changes in the status of the British Concession at Tientsin. We think that they should not be continued. With the safeguards represented by the Concessions we associate certain others—extra-territoriality, foreign administration of the Customs, and the rights and facilities hitherto recognized in respect of the sale and purchase of goods in the interior and of the riverine and coastal carrying trade. Secondly, we feel assured that an abandonment of these safeguards and rights would be more dangerous to our trade than boycott, dangerous as that has proved itself to be.

Ample Scope For Chinese Nationalism.

Thirdly, we think the retention of these safeguards leaves ample scope for the prosecution of a liberal policy towards China and for Chinese nationalism to prove its qualities. We are in favour of increases in the import tariff provided such increases are borne by the national or the Powers, which is not the case at the present. We are in favour of recommendations made by the Extra-territoriality Commission (including those regarding taxation), though we think that the present state of the Provisional Court—formerly the Mixed Court—at Shanghai is a most disappointing augury for experiments along these lines; and we are in favour of inviting the Chinese at Shanghai—as the Municipal Council of the International Settlement has already done—to share foreign administrative responsibilities.

Finally, we consider that both British property and British persons in China are entitled to protection, as our treaties with China declare; that the present condition of the ex-British Concession at Hankow is a menace to both, and that the only way to remove this menace is for H.M. Government to administer the former Concession until such time as the Chinese are able and willing to give effect to the Chen-O'Malley Agreement.—

We are, etc.,
SOUTHAMPTON, Chairman, China Committee.
L. N. LEYS, Chairman, China Association.
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HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS BY THE HON. MR. E. D. C. WOLFE, CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.]

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section on Thursday, December 15th, will start from the Central Police Station as usual at 5.15 p.m. sharp.

Dress: Khaki.

General: Part III. Musketry.

The following Police Reservists will attend at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range in multi on Sunday, December 18th, at 10.30 a.m. sharp for instruction in revolver shooting under Inspector H. J. Paterson:—

5 men to be detailed by O.C. Chinese Company.

2 men to be detailed by O.C. Indian Company.

24 men to be detailed by O.C. Flying Squad.

All members who have not passed the Recruits Pistol Course are to attend.

Police Training School.

Classes for instruction in Part II. of training course will be held at the Police Training School under Inspector H. J. Paterson on Thursday, December 15th, and Tuesday, December 20th, commencing both evenings at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Training Part I.

All members of the Police Reserve who have not yet passed out as efficient in Part I. will parade in multi at the Central Police Station for Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises under Sergeant R. J. Hunt as follows:—

Chinese Company on Thursday, December 15th, and Tuesday, December 20th.

Flying Squad on Tuesday, December 20th.

Fall in on each evening at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

(Sgd.) G. B. HARTFORD, D.S.F. (R.), Adjutant.

Hong Kong, December 13th, 1927.

BRITISH COAL INDUSTRY.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

TRUSTS AND CLOSING OF BAD PITS NEEDED.

Mr. Leonard Hinton, presiding at the ordinary general meeting of Lambert Bros., Ltd., said that the British coal industry was still feeling the results of the recent upheaval, and was likely to do so for some further period.

They believed that the solution of the trouble of the coal industry in this country would be eventually found in the survival of the fittest, and that the uneconomical collieries must close down, when those equipped in an up-to-date manner would be enabled by increased output and sales to carry on successfully on the lower price standard.

It was essential that the coal industry should be left free from further interference. The people who had been in the trade all their lives were surely the best fitted to work out their own salvation. If the remedy lay in trustification, as Lord Beaverbrook so strongly urged, he believed the colliery owners were themselves clever enough to appreciate it, and big enough to apply it.

Too Much Spending.

They appeared to be gradually establishing a fairly solid foundation on which, he believed, a revival in the approaching years might be built. But costs were still too high, partly on account of the disproportionate wages being paid in sheltered industries, and, also by reasons of the heavy State and municipal taxation, largely due to extravagance in social services.

Mr. Winston Churchill recently, in a spirit of generosity, had informed them that there would be no increase of direct taxation in the next budget. He seemed to think that that was a wonderful achievement, whereas, he knew as well as anybody that what was really required was a much deeper sense of the necessity of Government economy and reduced expenditure to allow of reduced taxation.

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W. S. NATHAN, Chairman, Pekin Syndicate.
STANLEY H. DODWELL, Managing Director, Dodwell and Co., Limited.
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China Committee, 90, Cannon-street, E.C.4, Nov. 11th.



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Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.07
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.62
Helsingfors	19.1
Lisbon	27/16
Bucharest	700
Buenos Aires	47/8
Shanghai	2/7
Yokohama	1/10.8/16
New York	4.88.7/16
Geneva	25.28
Milan	90
Stockholm	19.06
Oslo	18.34
Prague	184
Madrid	29.27
Athens	387
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/8.1/16
Hong Kong	2/0
Silver (spot)	25.5/16
Silver (forward)	28.1/16

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 13TH, 1927.

B.K. Bank	\$1.150 buy, 1.155 sa.
Do.	London, \$1.152 buy, 1.157 sa.
Chartered Bank	\$2.11 buy, 2.11 sa.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$2.38 buy, 2.38 sa.
Do.	O., \$2.14 buy, 2.14 sa.
P. & O. Bank	\$2.10 buy, 2.10 sa.
East Asia Bank	\$2.05 buy, 2.05 sa.
Canton Insurance	\$2.95 buy, 2.95 sa.
Union Insurance	\$2.93 buy, 2.93 sa.
North China Ins.	\$1.43 buy, 1.43 sa.
Yangtze Insurance	\$1.48 buy, 1.48 sa.
China Underwriters	\$1.14 buy, 1.14 sa.
China Fire Insurance	\$2.15 buy, 2.15 sa.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$2.40 buy, 2.40 sa.
Douglas	\$2.39 buy, 2.39 sa.
Steamboats	\$2.20 buy, 2.20 sa.
H.K. Tugs	\$1.55 buy, 1.55 sa.
Indo-China (Ind.)	\$2.00 buy, 2.00 sa.
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Shell Transport	\$2.90 buy, 2.90 sa.
Waterboats	\$1.17 buy, 1.17 sa.
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Kailan Mining Ad.	\$2.82 buy, 2.82 sa.
Langkai (combined)	\$1.18 buy, 1.18 sa.
Do. (single)	\$1.18 buy, 1.18 sa.
S'hai Explorations	\$1.24 buy, 1.24 sa.
Shanghai Loans	\$2.60 buy, 2.60 sa.
Rails	\$2.32 buy, 2.32 sa.
Tonghai Mining	\$2.17 buy, 2.17 sa.
H.K. & W. Wharfs	\$1.25 buy, 1.25 sa.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$3.40 buy, 3.40 sa.
Hongkew	\$1.15 buy, 1.15 sa.
New Engineering	\$1.15 buy, 1.15 sa.
Shanghai Docks	\$1.15 buy, 1.15 sa.
Ewo Cottons	\$1.15 buy, 1.15 sa.
Oriental	\$1.15 buy, 1.15 sa.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$1.15 buy, 1.15 sa.
Do. (new)	\$1.15 buy, 1.15 sa.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$7.25 buy, 7.40 sa.
H.K. Lands	\$2.84 buy, 2.84 sa.

Shanghai Lands	Tls. 124 buy, 124 sa.
Humphreys Estates	\$13.85 buy, 14 sa.
Hong Kong Realities	\$7 sa.
H.K. Territorials	\$11 sa.
H.K. Tramways	\$21.70 buy, 21.72 sa.
Peak Tram (old)	\$14 sa.
Do. (new)	\$7 sa.
Star Ferry	\$58 buy, 58 sa.
China Light (comb.)	\$13 buy, 13 sa.
Do. (old)	\$24 buy, 24 sa.
Do. (new)	\$84 buy, 84 sa.
H.K. Electric	\$58 buy, 58 sa.
Macao Electric	\$44 buy, 44 sa.
Telephone	\$3.90 buy, 3.90 sa.
China Buses	Tls. 64 buy, 64 sa.
Singapore Traction	\$11.9 buy, 11.9 sa.
China Sugars	\$72 buy, 72 sa.
Malabar Sugars	\$30 buy, 30 sa.
Canton Loos	\$22 buy, 22 sa.
Cement (combined)	\$7 sa.
Do. (old)	\$6.80 buy, 6.80 sa.
Do. (new)	\$0.70 buy, 0.70 sa.
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$5 buy, 5 sa.
Do. (new)	\$10 sa.
United Asbestos	\$10 sa.
Dairy Farms	\$14 sa.
Watsons	\$11 sa.
Der A Wings	\$5 sa.
Lana Crawford	\$24 buy, 24 sa.
Mackintosh	\$22 buy, 22 sa.
Sincere	\$72 buy, 72 sa.
Wm. Powell	\$38 buy, 38 sa.
H.K. Amusements	\$124 buy, 124 sa.
H.K. Constructions	\$14 sa.
B'qua Indus. G. Bonds	\$54 sa.
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THE CITY OF GHEN-GHIZ KHAN.

RUSSIAN ARCHAEOLOGISTS' DISCOVERY.
EXPLORERS' HARDSHIP AND TRIALS.

[By DR. EDUARD LUBOFF.]
Assistant Compiler of "Asiatic Russia," a remarkable compendium issued by the Russian Ministry of the Interior in 1914.
Years of patient work and untold suffering spent in excavations in the cruel Gobi Desert by a party of Russian scientists under the leadership of Professor Kozloff, and under the auspices of the Russian Geographical Society, have been crowned with success.
Professor Kozloff has now reported that the discovery of Khara-Khoto, the former capital of the Si-sia race, which produced the greatest Tartar conqueror, Ghengiz Khan, has been established. The tomb of the conqueror is also reported to have been found in the vicinity of the city.

[According to Professor Kozloff, in one of his latest reports, the tomb of Ghengiz Khan was expected to be found between Khara-Khoto and Urga, on the Mongolian Altai. Here the explorer discovered the most beautiful and hitherto unknown memorial of Mongolian antiquity, a mausoleum built in the tenth century by one of the Mongolian Khans.]
Khara-Khoto, the dead city, was found beneath deep layers of sand, covered by desert rubble and granite chips in 1905, but the work was interrupted until 1923. In the meantime the sand had been shifting fast, and to succeed in the undertaking the expedition had to fight against time as well as the elements.

Extremes Of Temperature
Here is one extract from Prof. Kozloff's description of the conditions:

There is no need to tell of our hardships and sufferings in general. But I should like to mention that we suffered terribly from the cold and from the heat. In the winter our hair froze to our clothes even in the huts, and we were covered with hoar frost all the time. To sleep in the tents was altogether impossible. To add to our misery, the cold winds cut at us most bitterly.

In the summer the heat stood at 70 deg. centigrade. The only way to protect our feet was to avoid the red-hot sand and stones, or to wear the heaviest hunting boots possible.

A member of the expedition was one day rash enough to venture a run to the water tank in ordinary boots. He reached the tank, but he brought no water to the camp, for he found that his feet had blistered terribly, and so he sat at the tank, soaking them, as the only means of minimizing his terrible agony.

Under such conditions the explorers worked for nearly four years. Step by step Khara-Khoto, the dead city, was traced. The remains were carefully measured and photographed, the finds reconstructed, and a picture, not only of the city itself, but of its people, their occupations and even trading transactions, in addition to wars and battles, was built up.

The central part of the city was surrounded by a wall of beaten clay, about 30 ft. high which was dotted with towers. The upper part of each tower was constructed into a system of embrasures to enable the defenders of the gate to use their arms against the invaders. The weapons, remnants of which were found, consisted of stones, bricks, and granites.

In thirteen places in the city were found the ruins of buildings which had been better preserved than any others, owing to their superior material. These proved to be temples, the floors of which were paved with blue tiles. Two streets were clearly traced, the main street and the commercial street.

The Last War.
Professor Kozloff tells of the war which destroyed the city. Apparently the last prince, Khara-tsin-tsin, considered himself and his armies unconquerable, and he challenged the Chinese Emperor whose throne he coveted. A Chinese army was sent against him, and Khara-Khoto besieged. As a last resource the citizens decided to give battle to the enemy. Twenty loads of treasure were hidden beforehand and an attack was made, with dire consequences. This treasure has since been the subject of much adventurous search by Chinese and Mongolians, but without result.

Among the discoveries, Professor Kozloff considers the books and manuscripts found in the palace and in the temples the most important. The documents include 14 lines of an extract of instructions from Ghengiz Khan. The majority demonstrate the life and manners of Khara-Khoto in the (Continued at foot of next column.)

FRANCE LEARNS FROM BRITAIN.

NEW ELECTIONEERING METHODS.

FIRST POSTER CAMPAIGN.

PARIS.
Entirely new electioneering methods are being introduced into France by two young leaders of the National Republican (or moderate centre) Party of France. They are M. Henry de Kerillis, now a journalist and during the war a clever air officer, and M. Paul Reynaud, a reserve officer, who is now one of the youthful leaders of the Paris Bar.

These two young men are endeavouring to create a wave of moderate public opinion by a modern and scientific electoral campaign such as has not yet been seen in France.
Electioneering as it is known in Britain hardly exists in France. The great parties, Radical, Moderate, or Socialist, issue vast omnibus programmes which have little real effect on the electorate. What counts is the petty campaign within each constituency, which usually consists of a candid mixture of libels, blackmail, and bribery.

M. Henry de Kerillis and M. Paul Reynaud have secured a nucleus of funds by public subscription—an amount which would probably seem insignificant when compared with British party funds—and have set about a national campaign of bill posting, tract distribution, and impromptu meetings. They acknowledge in the *Echo de Paris* that they owe most of the success of their budding organisation to the Unionist Party, whose workings they have studied closely at first hand.

Little More To Learn.
Probably as regards the originality and terse emphasis of their posters these French pupils have little more to learn from their English masters. The campaign is divided into three sections. There are first the anti-Bolshevik Communist or

posters and tracts; secondly, there are the anti-Socialist posters; and thirdly the anti-Radical Socialist posters. In each case a clever picture or caricature with a short but pungent phrase points out the particular danger to the peace and security of France of the Communist, Socialist, or Radical policy.

The posters and tracts are being distributed by the hundred thousand and they are already having a considerable effect. The campaign is being conducted according to plan, and so far the posters have been displayed in 400 towns and more than 15,000 communes. It is hoped to obtain sufficient funds by subscription so that before next May, when the elections are held, every village in France will have been properly and systematically billed.

In Paris and the Seine department M. de Kerillis estimates that at least eight-tenths of the population have been touched by the bill-posting campaign. The tracts are distributed not so much in the street as in the factories and workshops by working-class adherents of the movement who take a bundle in their pockets when going to work. Other workmen volunteers take them round to the homes of fellow-workers in the evening.

The effect of the mass campaign of bill-posting just begun in Paris is obvious, and dense crowds are to be seen reading the anti-Communist posters displayed throughout the city and the suburbs. The movement is being completed by a speakers' and agents' school, in which workers and sympathisers will be put through a course of public speaking, heckling, and election organisation. They will be sent out to tour their respective districts once the general election is well on its way.

SPANISH COTTON.
FURTHER EXPERIMENTS WITH AMERICAN SEED.

BARCELONA.
Further experiments are to be made in the provinces of Seville, Huelva and Cadiz, where the cotton-growing zone is situated. For this purpose trials are to be made with several kinds of North American seed.
Although the amount of cotton produced up to the present is not great, considerable progress is being made. The factory at Tabladilla has received this year 488 bales of cotton, showing an increase of 343 bales over 1926.
eleventh and twelfth century of the Christian era.
During the excavations in the commercial street, well-preserved specimens of paper money of the Hanian dynasty were found. The inscription on these was: "Forgers will have their heads chopped off." It was only after much careful work that the explorers began to discover the princely tombs which yielded so much valuable material and information.—Daily Mail.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER.

ANNUAL REPORT.

DIVIDEND OF EIGHT PER CENT.

The ninth ordinary yearly meeting of the China Light and Power Company (1918), Limited, will be held at the head office of the Company, St. George's Building, on Thursday, December 22nd, at 12 noon.

The statement of accounts for the twelve months ended September 30th, is as follows:—

The gross profit for the above period is 478,688.41
Plus scrip fees 238.10
Amount brought forward from last year 52,575.40
Difference in dividend account 1926/1914 243
52,815.93
\$531,504.34

After allowing for:—
Interest 33,728.17
Directors' and auditors' fees 10,285.31
Donations, compensation, dividend previously written off now paid, and loss on show-room trading, as per profit and loss account 6,615.73
Amount written off value of Crown leases 3,168.68
Depreciation 167,882.93
221,660.92

The balance to be dealt with is \$309,843.42

Which it is proposed be appropriated as follows:—
To place to credit of reserve for special renewals, repairs, and change of voltage, bringing the amount of this reserve back to \$200,000 60,215.03
To pay a dividend of 8 per cent., or 40 cents per share, on 400,000 "old" shares 160,000.00
To pay a dividend of 8 per cent., or 16 cents per share, on 199,850 "new" shares 31,978.00
To carry forward to next year's account 57,848.39
\$309,843.42

Directors.
On the 21st April, 1927, new Articles of Association were adopted; the Consulting Committee ceased to exist, and a Board of Directors took its place. The members of the Consulting Committee, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Messrs. H. P. White, C. A. da Roza, A. H. Compton and Lee Hysan, became the first Directors of the Company, with Mr. R. G. Shewan, the ex-officio Director, as Chairman.

Under Article 95 of the new Articles of Association, Messrs. A. H. Compton and Lee Hysan retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
Auditors.
The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, who are recommended for re-election.

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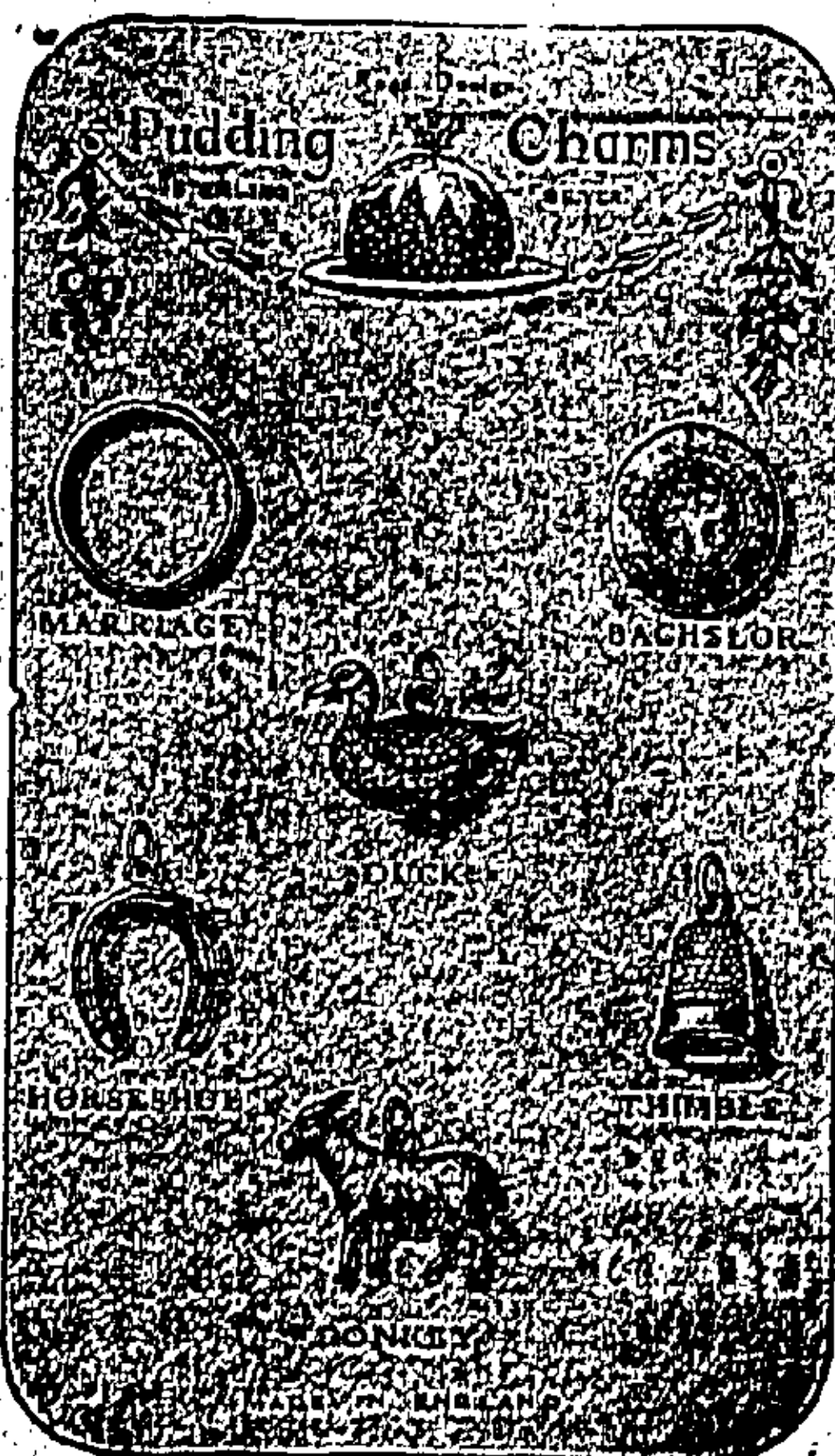
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"Upwards of 400 Collection Cards were distributed among the offices in the Central District of Hong Kong and to a few of the large firms in the outlying districts. Upwards of 1,000 firms and individuals subscribed to the funds and the sum of \$3,969.17 has so far been received."

"The Naval and Military Forces also gave valued support."

"Last week cards with subscriptions to the value of over \$200 were received, and it is hoped that any persons who still have cards in their possession will send them to the Honorary Treasurer as soon as possible."

"It had been intended to publish in the Press complete lists of the firms and individual subscribers, but many subscribers stated that they particularly did not wish this to be done. Receipts are now in course of preparation and will be sent to subscribers during the present week."

"It has come to the knowledge of the Committee that a number of persons who were not engaged in the area that was covered by the drive have complained that they have not been asked for subscriptions. If such people will be so kind as to send their subscriptions to the Honorary Treasurer—Mr. H. V. Parker, C/o The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—they will be gratefully received."

"The Committee desire to thank the Press for their support in the recent effort made on behalf of the Society."

"The Committee have carefully studied the correspondence that had from time to time appeared in the Press containing valuable suggestion for the conduct of the S.P.C.A. The Committee trust that in future the work of the Society will be better known to the General Public."

**SOCIETY OF CHINESE
ARCHITECTS.**

AIMS AND OBJECTS
EXPLAINED.

ANNUAL MEETING AT
SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9th.

The Society of Chinese Architects, which was organized last year by the local Chinese practising architects, held its first annual meeting in the form of a dinner at the China United Apartment dining room, Shanghai. The following officers were elected: President Mr. Robert Fan; Vice-President, Mr. Y. C. Lu; Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. Poy G. Lee; Mr. T. Chuang was elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

The objects of the society are to unite in fellowship, the architects of China and to combine their efforts so as to uphold the dignity and standing, and to promote the efficiency of the profession, and to render support to the public authorities in their civic developments and improvements.

In view of the recent steps taken by the local Chinese Government in relation to the registration of practising architects, the Society has offered its service to the Public Works Office of the Government on matters concerning the profession.

One of the most ambitious plans of this group of enthusiastic men is to obtain a club house for the society. It is hoped that general public interest will be given to the advancement of architecture in China to such an extent that the club will be donated to the society as a gift by some enthusiastic patrons.

In view of the fact that there are a great number of students and draughtsmen who desire to learn architecture but cannot obtain proper training on these lines, the society proposes to incorporate into their future clubhouse an atelier to give these young men the opportunity of educating themselves on the line of architectural design.

N.O. Daily News.

SIR ELLY KADOORIE.

ENTERTAINS KING FEISAL
OF IRAQ.

BRIILLIANT LONDON
GATHERING.

King Feisal of Iraq honoured Sir Elly Kadoorie, of Shanghai and Hong Kong, with his company at dinner on Saturday night, November 12th, at 6, Prince's Gate, S.W.7.

Sir Elly Kadoorie is head of the famous Shanghai firm of Kadoorie & Co., where the business is carried on by Messrs. H. and L. Kadoorie, both of whom occupy a leading position in Far Eastern finances.

King Feisal on arrival was received by Sir Elly Kadoorie, a personal friend. His Majesty expressed great pleasure in visiting him. The grand salons were beautifully decorated with rare exotic flowers, the colour scheme having been chosen to represent the Iraq colours. The ladies' exquisite toilettes and their escorts wearing orders and decorations presented a brilliant spectacle.

Mme. Garceau, Mlle. Douste de Fortis and Miss Delano entertained the guests after dinner with some charming music, the latter giving some original folk songs from the East.

The Guests.

The other guests were:—His Excellency Jafar Pasha el Askeri, Prime Minister of Iraq, His Excellency Raouf Bey Chaderchi, Minister of Justice, His Excellency Muzahim Bey al Pachachi, Diplomatic Agent, Major Tahsin Kadry Bey, A.D.C. to H.M. King Feisal of Iraq, Major-General Sir John Hanbury Williams, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., Lady Southwick, Lord and Lady Ashfield, the Dowager Lady Swaythling, the Rt. Hon. General Sir John Grenfell Maxwell, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., Lady Maxwell, the Rt. Hon. Sir Herbert Louis Samuel, G.C.B., G.B.E., Lady Samuel, Sir John Risley, K.C.M.G., C.B., K.C., Lady Risley, Sir John Shuckburgh, K.C.M.G., C.B., Mr. Daly Stanford, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie.

Afterwards reception was held and among those who accepted invitations were:—The Siamese Minister, Prince Vamvadya, the Czechoslovak Minister, M.E. Monsieur Jan Garrigue, Master Mr. C.B.E., the Danish Minister, H.E. Count Freben Ferdinand Ahlefeldt Lauritzen, Countess Biochenhuns Schack, the Italian Naval Attaché, the Egyptian Chargé d'Affaires, the Earl and Countess of Lauderdale, the Countess of Carnarvon, the Countess of Clancarty, the Earl and Countess of Sondes, the Countess of Cork and Orrery, the Earl and Countess of Cardigan, Viscount and Viscountess Erleigh, Lord and Lady Teynham, Lord and Lady French, Lord and Lady Olanmorris, Lord and Lady Strathpey, Baron and Baroness Quarles Van Ufford, Annabel Lady de Freyne, Lady Augusta Fane, the Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Hertz, the Hon. Miss Grant of Grant, Col. and Lady Pretymann-Newman, Sir Walter and Lady Gibbons, Miss Gibbons, Sir A. H. and Lady Grant, Colonel Peters, Sir Herbert and Lady Cohen, Sir Thomas Carey Evans, Lady Carey Evans, Sir George McLaren Browne, Lady Burton, Miss Macdonald, Mrs. Digby Probyn and daughter, Lady Tuck, Mrs. George de Pass, Lady Walpole, Miss Marie Seton, Lady Chalmers, Miss Chalmers, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Guest, Colonel Dodge, Lieut. Colonel H. V. B. de Satge, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mr. Morris Ruffer, Mme. Hoare, Mr. Sokolov, Mrs. Flora Sassoon, Mr. and Mrs. D'Avigdor Goldsmid, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Montefiore, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sebag Montefiore, Mrs. R. S. Henderson, Mr. Safford Jones, Mr. Sydney Brook, Mr. F. Emmet, Mr. Charles Graves, Mr. W. T. Parker.

**DRAGON MOTOR LIVERY
SERVICE.**

SUBMIT TO CLAIM FOR \$458.

Judgment was entered for Messrs. Alex. Ross and Co. (China), Ltd., Prince's Building, when they claimed against the Dragon Motor Livery Service, 24, Des Voeux Road Central, at the Summary Court yesterday morning before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) for \$458.18, being the balance due for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. W. D. Owen appeared for plaintiffs and Mr. D. McCallum was for the defendants.

Mr. McCallum intimated that defendants were willing to consent to judgment, but asked for a stay of execution.

No objection was offered by Mr. Owen, and His Lordship entered judgment for plaintiffs for the claim and costs, execution to be stayed for 14 days.

FOOD LICENCES IN MARKETS.

ATTACK ON THE
HEREDITARY
SYSTEM.

DISCUSSION BY SANITARY
BOARD.

A new market is to be erected in the near future at Cheung Sha Wan in place of a present temporary one, and the question of whether certain special food licences which have been granted for the temporary market should be cancelled or not, arose at a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon.

The President explained that a motion before the Board was that the present special food licences should be cancelled. The market at present at Cheung Sha Wan was a temporary one, but it was proposed to have a new market there. There did not seem to be any reason why the licences should not be cancelled, and the majority of the licences had been warned that unless the case was worthy of special consideration their licences would be cancelled after a certain date. He did not think there were any special cases for consideration.

The President, replying to a question said that the matter of licences for the new market would be put out to tender.

He then proposed that the present special food licences be cancelled after a certain date.

In answer to Dr. Koch, the President said that the licences were granted on the condition that they would be cancelled under certain circumstances.

Dr. Koch asked whether the prices would be controlled or whether the licencees could fix their own prices. He thought this was an important point.

The President replied that they had no authority to control food prices with regard to special food licences.

In answer to another question, the President informed the Board that the present licences would not be cancelled until the new market was ready.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin: What are the conditions under which these licences are issued?

The President replied that the premises had to conform with a certain standard. The President also said that the stalls in the market were allowed according to the number of licences now in existence.

Dr. Koch: Will tenders be called for?

The President: Tenders will be called for.

Mr. Braga: How long are these licences issued for in the case of the new market?

The President: They are usually issued for three years in the first instance, and then afterwards, on a monthly tenancy.

Mr. Braga: I think it should be on record that this hereditary licence system should not be perpetuated, as in the case of stallholders at the Central Market. Is it not true that in the case of the Central Market no change has been made for the past sixteen years?

The President: Yes it is. Mr. Braga gave notice that he would move that the system should not be perpetuated in future markets.

Mr. Braga also said that before he moved this resolution he would like an opportunity of seeing the licences, etc. He would then move his resolution for a discussion of the matter.

The President agreed to this, and the motion that the present special food licences at Cheung Sha Wan be cancelled after a certain date was carried.

Those present at the meeting were:—Mr. W. J. Carrie (President), Dr. S. W. Tao, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. W. V. M. Koo, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. D. Davies (Secretary) and Mr. J. Watson (Assistant Secretary).

**OUT OF GAOL AND BACK
AGAIN.**

A EUROPEAN'S LONG
OUTING.

R. G. Baker, a British subject, found himself in trouble again for persistently indulging in the habit of going for long walks.

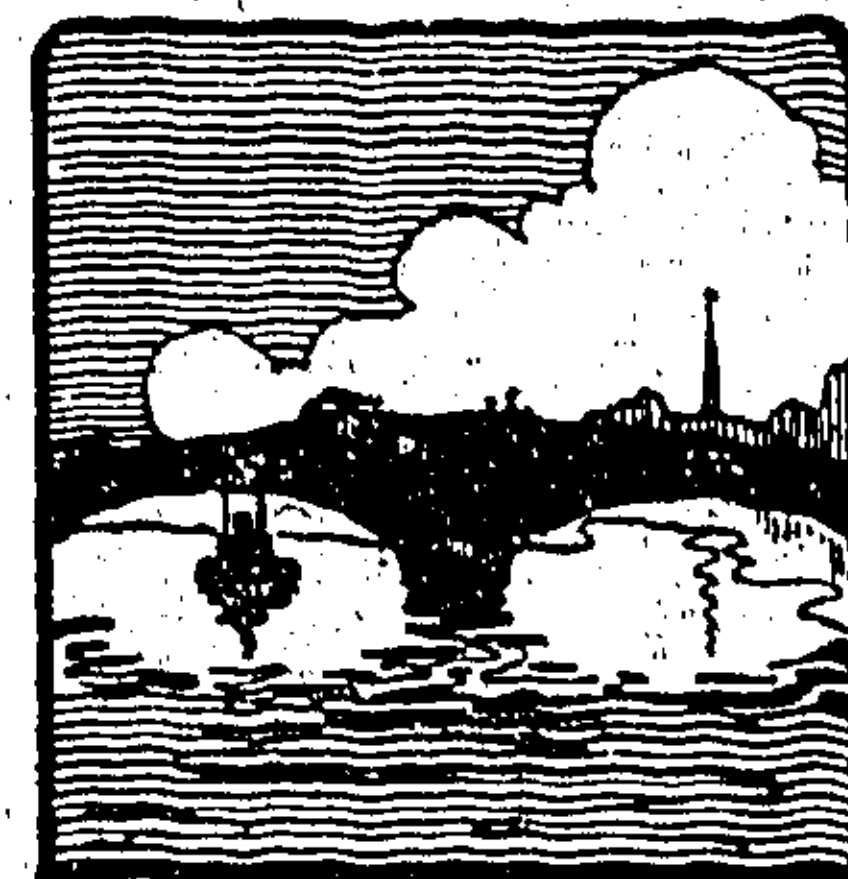
It was only on November 28th that he came out of gaol after a month's "hard" for absconding himself from the House of Detention. He had to enter this refuge again on his discharge from prison, but like the soldier who went out of bounds he exceeded a four hours' outing, allowed him and, in fact, never returned.

Yesterday the man was escorted back to gaol for another term of one month on an order from Major C. Willson, the Magistrate.

Indian Out of Luck.

Jetha Singh, a police recruit who was discharged from the Force owing to his incapacity to receive police training, was also charged before the Magistrate with being a destitute. An order was made for the man to enter the House of Detention.

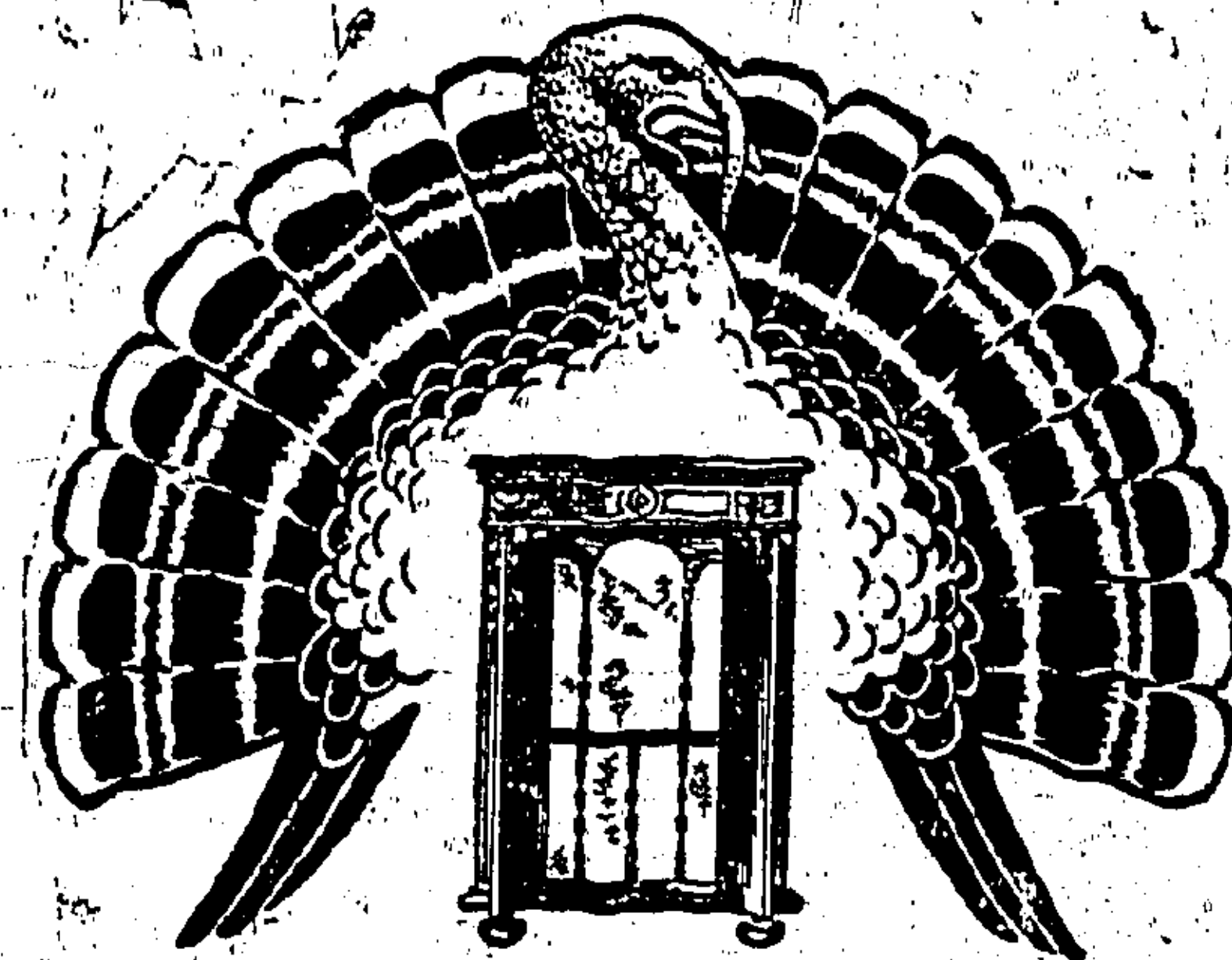
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LI FOOK LAM RETAKES CANTON FROM REDS.

INSURGENT FORCES IN RETREAT NORTHWARD.

SCENES OF LOOT AND RAPINE.

PROCLAMATIONS OF THE SHADOW SOVIET.

REDS AMBUSHED AT WEST GATE.

After three days of hard fighting the Kwangtung troops recaptured Canton yesterday afternoon. The Red troops have withdrawn to the North of the City.

According to the latest reports all is now quiet in the stricken city.

Following the capture of the City Chang Fat Fui and other leading generals issued a proclamation asking for popular support in suppressing the Reds. They apologised for their "short sightedness in letting the Reds get control of the City."

Undoubtedly the hero of the struggle has been General Li Fook Lam, who launched an attack from his own district of Honam. He had received considerable reinforcements from the Districts and with him were Generals Chang Fat Fui and other leading militarists.

HAVOC IN CANTON.

Three areas of the City alone report the destruction of more than a thousand shops and houses.

Terrible scenes appear to have been enacted during the struggle and horrible atrocities were evidently committed by the Reds, and still more by bands of marauders out to loot all they could get hold of. Many women were outraged.

Refugees poured into Hong Kong earlier in the day and had terrible stories to tell of the catastrophe.

Our Chinese correspondent discounts the *Kuo Min* report of a big landing of Russian officers and quantities of ammunition. The so-called "Soviet" Government consisted merely of a handful of self-appointed agitators, who were only to a minor degree directing the insurgents. The origins of the outbreak remain obscure, but probably this will see the final crushing of the forces of disorder that have for years tyrannised Canton.

HOW THE CITY WAS RETAKEN.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Kwangtung troops, acting from temporary headquarters at Honam regained complete control of the greater section of Canton City yesterday afternoon. The "Reds" retreated towards the villages in the north of the City.

Upon the recapture of Canton City from the "Reds" yesterday, a general proclamation was issued by the regular Kwangtung troops commanders (Generals Chang Fat Fui, Wong Kie Cheung, Li Fook Lam, Shi Ae, and Chu Fat Yat).

They first apologized for their short-sightedness in failing to prevent the uprising of the "Reds" but they had now successfully suppressed the "Red" menace.

In further statements, they have asked the people to report all "Red" suspects.

MECHANICS' UNION ASSIST "WHITES."

In the suppression of the "Reds" in Canton yesterday, the Mechanics' Union of Honam, who are strong "anti-Reds," volunteered more than a thousand men, and the success of the regular troops was largely due to their assistance.

Yesterday morning the regulars landed at four different places along the Bund, and one of the parties was composed of this party of "white" workers.

General Chu Fat Yat, the Commissioner of Police, was wounded, but how seriously is uncertain.

Three areas in the City alone reported the destruction of more than a thousand shops and homes.

Upon the final success of the Kwangtung regulars, the exodus was discontinued yesterday afternoon, and only about a hundred or so passengers for Hong Kong by the *s.s. Lungshan* which left that port shortly after one o'clock.

NEWS BY WIRELESS.

A wireless from the *s.s. Tung On* on her way to Hong Kong from Canton yesterday afternoon stated that the Kwangtung regulars had recaptured the Police Headquarters at about two o'clock in the afternoon. Two regiments formerly under General Wong Kie Cheung, mutinied and joined the "Reds" last Sunday. Yesterday, these two regiments were driven from Canton, having stubbornly resisted all attempts by the regulars to retake the Police Headquarters until yesterday afternoon.

UNIONS BEING GUARDED.

Now all union quarters in Canton are being guarded by troops, and since yesterday afternoon, the Police have been searching for the remnants of the "Reds." The "Reds" have killed a number of policemen, and it is feared that the associates of the deceased men will revenge their friends by personal action against the professional agitators.

Had the regulars failed to recapture Canton yesterday, the "Reds" coming from the Northern Districts would have arrived by last night, and the suffering of the people would have been prolonged.

REFUGEES FROM CANTON.

PITIALE SIGHT AT THE WATERFRONT.

SOME PERSONAL EXPERIENCES.

Shortly after 2 p.m. yesterday afternoon, a huge crowd of interested Chinese gathered around the British Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's Wharf at Connaught Road Central to await the arrival of refugees from Canton by the afternoon boat. Special traffic police were on duty to keep back the crowd of about 1,000 persons who lined each side of the road four or five deep.

The *Fatshan* came in shortly after 3 p.m. with about 2,000 refugees, every inch of space being taken. Some of the refugees had to stand all the way down from Canton.

As the refugees disembarked the waterfront was bustling with excitement. Aged women were dragging their grand-children, and little tots of 3 or 4 years old were barefooted and with hardly sufficient clothing for this cold weather. The well-to-do class with their leather kit bags showed signs of obvious relief as they handed their luggage to hotel runners. They were only too thankful to have reached a place of safety.

The whole scene was full of pathos particularly when country people, who apparently were leaving their native soil for the first time, dumped their scanty belongings in the foot path and sat there not knowing where to go. Money they had none, and being total strangers, their plight could well be imagined. Then came another crowd, mothers with babies strapped to their backs and older children holding their mothers' jackets, crying for something to stifle their hunger. Our representative heard one mother gently telling a crying baby that she had just enough money to buy a cake. "Father was shot dead and everything we had was burnt," she said to the onlookers.

In direct contrast to this moneyless crowd were young ladies in lovely Chinese dresses and sparkling diamonds, gently tripping off the gangway followed by coolies carrying ten or fifteen trunks. Outside the wharf, motor cars were hailed and to one or other of the big hotels they went.

FLESHLY RED ATROCITIES.

A *Daily Press* representative was able to get several accounts from refugees of what had taken place in Canton. One rich Chinese merchant living at Sup Pat Po said that on Sunday night, his house was burnt down. He and his family escaped to a friend's house with only what they had on. But on their way, they were robbed and every small trinket of value was roughly taken away from his wife and daughter. He had been in his friend's house for about two hours when the same thing happened to his friend's house. It was burnt down and they were all driven out without being allowed to take more than the clothes they wore.

A Chinese comrade to a big foreign firm at Canton was approached by seven men wearing Red bands at about 2 a.m. on Monday. He was asked to sign a cheque for \$10,000 which he refused. The men then set fire to his house and while the premises were burning fiercely, they took the comrade's youngest child, a boy of eight, and threw him into the fire before the eyes of the father and mother.

Many shocking stories of outrages on young women were told by several refugees, some of whom were eye-witnesses. It was stated that nothing could have been worse than the atrocities of the "Reds."

RED RUSSIANS FOR CANTON.

300 OFFICERS AND 50,000 RIFLES.

An interesting sidelight on the preparations for Sunday's coup is thrown by a *Kuo Min* report in the *North-China Daily News* of last Friday. It states:

A report from confidential sources is on hand that 50,000 rifles and 300 Russian officers are on their way to Canton from Vladivostok. The 50,000 rifles are to arm the peasants and workers, who are to be organized into a fighting corps by the Russian officers. Chinese communist leaders including Tung Yen Ta, Tan Ping Shan, Kuo Yu Han and Yang Bao An are also returning to Canton from their respective refuges. In the city of Canton, posters bearing the slogan "Oppose the purgation movement, which is imperilling the Party" are seen everywhere.

It is understood that the communists have set themselves upon a plan to start another revolution—a communist revolution to destroy the Kuomintang and the Nationalist Government which are anti-communistic. Kwangtung has been chosen as the base, as it was the base of the Nationalist Revolution.

THE COURSE OF THE STRUGGLE.

HOW KWANGTUNG FORCES GAINED THE UPPER HAND.

RED PLANS THAT HAVE GONE AWAY.

MORE FIGHTING EXPECTED.

KWANGTUNG TROOPS GAINING UPPER HAND.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Fighting is expected to continue for some time.

The "Reds" are equally opposed to the Kwangtung and the Kwangsi forces. They are offering \$50,000 a head for the capture of eight principal political "culprits": General Chiang Kai Shek, Mr. Wang Ching Wei, General Li Tsai-Hsin, General Chang Fat Fui, and four others.

The members of the peasants corps who are rushing to join the "Reds" are merely out for loot. They joined the Kuomintang in the early stages of the Nationalist movement, but finding nothing in it to their advantage they are trying the "Reds" whose offer of the pillage of Canton is now the attraction. Most of the said peasants are, of course, bandits. The real peasants are still in their fields.

There was very little fighting along the Bund Canton yesterday; but the Kwangtung forces returning from the North and East River districts regained control of the inner north section of the native city. From Ti Yat Chung Street to Ti Luk and Ti Chit Streets, the regular Police have returned to their customary patrol.

The gunboats *Kong Koo* and *Kong Tai* have controlled the Harbour during the last three days preventing the "Reds" from crossing from the north to the south.

THE SITUATION IN THE CITY.

CASUALTIES FEWER THAN SUPPOSED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Notwithstanding the indiscriminate shooting in the streets the casualty list is not as heavy as some have reported. Many persons, including a large number of women and children, were able to make their way to the Hong Kong-Canton steamers unmolested. From the fact that many young women arrived safely in Hong Kong with heavy handbags of valuables it is evident that looting was confined to certain sections of the City.

It is said that the "Red Army," including the strike pickets and labour union gunmen, did not do so much looting as casual coolies who have been taking advantage of the present chaos.

CENTRAL BANK FARES BADLY.

A special attack has been made on the Central Bank of China, the object of the Reds evidently being to obliterate this organ of Kuomintang finance. Up to yesterday they had failed to break down the larger safes although they have succeeded in burning down the building on the East Bund. The report that the safes were still intact enabled the value of the Bank to maintain a value of from 80 to 82 per cent.

The telegraph, telephone, and railway services have all been very badly damaged that it will take some time before they will again be in working order, even if they escape further destruction.

CANTON "GOVERNMENT" PROGRAMME.

EXTREMIST MADNESS.

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

A circular by the "Soviet Government" of Canton, the following points in its political programme:

- 1.—All merchant firms are to be taken by the Government.
- 2.—All property owned by Capitalists to be confiscated.
- 3.—All buildings owned by private landlords to become Government property.
- 4.—The houses of wealthy persons, especially in the District of Canton are to be taken over as dwellings for workmen.
- 5.—All pawnshops to be taken over by the Government and persons presenting tickets to have their goods returned free of charge.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES FLEE CANTON.

Among the refugees coming down from Canton yesterday afternoon by the *Fatshan* were about thirty to forty American and German missionaries. They were stationed in the suburbs of Canton and told a *Daily Press* representative that intense fighting was going on. The Reds were in the ascendancy and ruthlessly burning down villages. There were compelled to flee their posts.

COMMUNISTS STILL IN POWER.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

CANTON, December 12th.

Foreigners are evacuating the outlying districts. The Communists are still in power. Shooting and fires in the City.

No anti-foreign feeling is as yet visible.

Things appeared so ugly during the last two days that the American and other Consulates ordered their nationals to leave Canton City, and in addition to Americans, several German ladies and children left Canton yesterday by the *s.s. Fatshan* for Hong Kong.

WUCHOW NORMAL.

Conditions in Wuchow, on the West River, are now normal. If there is to be any trouble between Kwangtung and Kwangsi troops, it is hoped that it will take place below that port. Kwangtung paper money is now "no good" there.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, December 13th.

Commenting on the Communist seizure of Canton the *Petit Parisien* says that the Red minority, repulsed elsewhere, sought revenge in Canton, where a few Russian agitators and insignificant Chinese generals have stirred up the labour unions and Bolshevik cells in Canton, but the fire, pillage and murder in Canton cannot change the destiny of the South, for the Communists have no arms or equipment to give them any hope of victory against the troops of the Kuomintang supported by the wealthy middle classes.

Le Journal says the explosion in Canton may well leave the great port of South China a heap of ruins.

THE "RED EXTRA."

A SHADOW GOVERNMENT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

According to the *Red Extra*, a sheet published by the Bolsheviks in Canton, the following are the principal officials in the "Soviet" Government of Canton:

Chief Commissar, Comrade So Shiu Ching;
People's Commissar for Internal Affairs, Comrade Wong Ping;
People's Commissar for the Suppression of "Counter-Revolutionaries," Comrade Yang En;
People's Commissar of Labour, Comrade Chau Man Yung;
People's Commissar of Public Lands, Comrade Pan Bui;
People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, Comrade Wong Ping (who is also given the portfolio of Internal Affairs);
People's Commissar for Justice, Comrade Chen Yui;
People's Commissar for Public Finance, Comrade Ho Loy;
People's Commissar for Military and Naval Affairs, Comrade Chang Tai Lai;
Secretary-General, Comrade Wen Ti Ying;
Commander-in-Chief of the Red Army, Comrade Yeh Ting;
Chief of Staff, Comrade Hsu Kwong Ying.

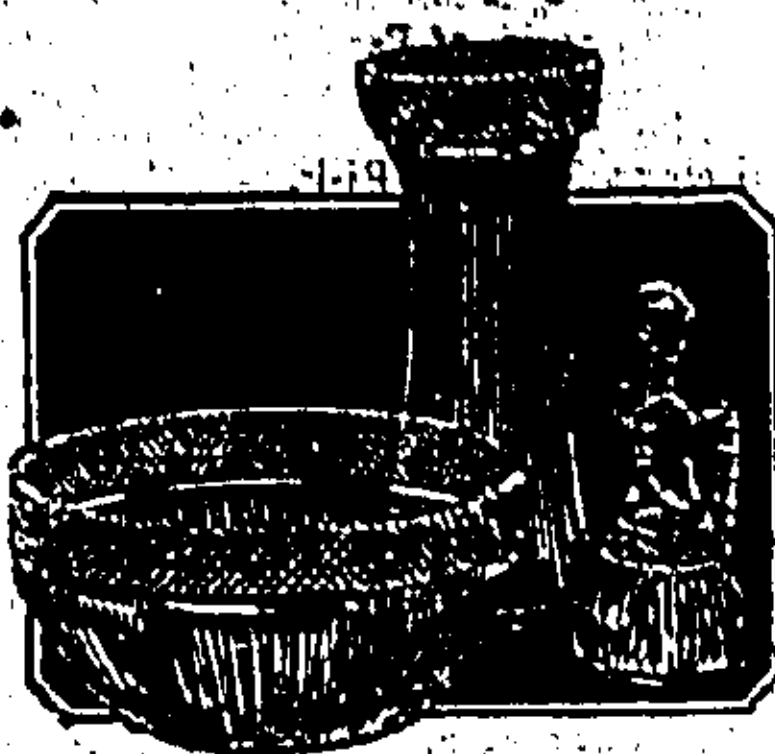
This gang is proposing to welcome the return of Comrades Eugene Chen, C. C. Wu, Sun Fg, L. C. Lee, H. C. Lee, Te, Chen Wu, and other well-known Kuomintang extremists. Mr. Wang Ching Wei and General Chiang Kai Shek are "reprimanded for mismanagement when entrusted with the task of bringing the whole Kuomintang under the Red regime."

There are less than six Russian Communists directing the guerrilla attacks and gang raids in Canton City, according to latest report. There is no truth in the reported arrival of several hundred "Reds" from Russia and large shipment of arms and ammunition.

The Kwangtung section of the Kuomintang in Honan assert that they expect to clear off the "Reds" within a day or two. The small party of Communists who have been holding sessions in the Russian Consulate in Tientshan are the supposed "Soviet" Government. Once the situation is in hand there will be no difficulty in forcing coolies and other workers to discard their red arm-bands and Bolshevik sympathies. The origin of the trouble goes back to when Dr. Sun Yat Sen invited the Bolsheviks to join the Kuomintang some seven years ago and organized the workers and peasants to suppress the Merchants' Volunteers which had maintained a fair standard of peace and order for 13 years before 1924.

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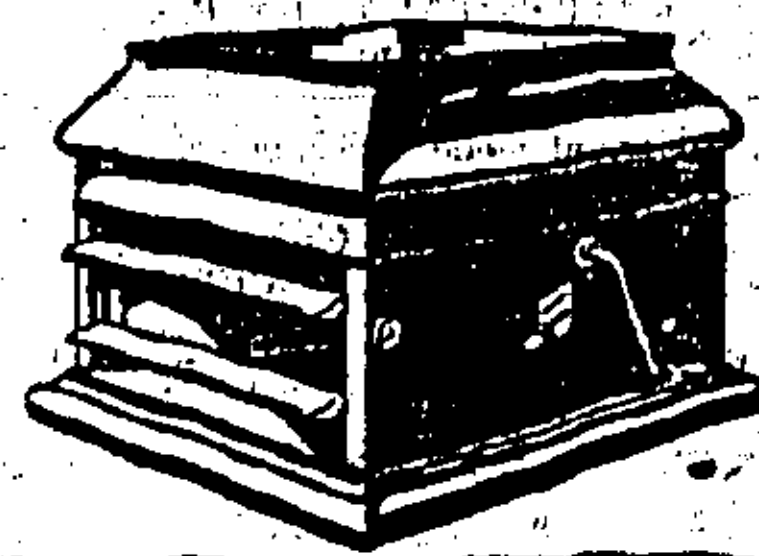
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Hong Kong, 12th December, 1927. [5643]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE, 1911,

AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE PRINCE'S BUILDING & LAND CO., LTD.
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Holders of Debentures are invited to Attend the Drawing of the Committee.
By Order of the Committee,
E. D. MATTHEWS, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1927. [5645]

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

6th JANUARY, 1928.

MEMBERS are requested to send in their Applications for Tickets for the Ball as soon as possible to S. T. RUTLIN, c/o LINDSAY & DAVIS, Engineers, wishing to join the Society should apply to the above named. [5582]

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By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. O. HYNES, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1927. [5656]

INTIMATIONS.

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(Sd.) J. MACREARY, Major, D.A.A. & C.M.G., South China Command.
Dec. 13th, 1927. [5636]

COPLEY MOYLE PRESENTATION FUND.

THE Subscription List for the above Fund will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, 15th INST. The Presentation will be made at a Reception to be held in the CATHEDRAL HALL on THURSDAY, 20th INST., from 5 to 6 P.M.
B. O. BLAKER, Hon. Treasurer.
[5633]

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the DECEMBER MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, the 24th DECEMBER, 1927 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained from Dr. F. PERCEP GROVE, The Polo Club, HONG KONG CLUB and CADEWY BAY STABLES.
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BIRTH.

BAILEY.—At the Peak Hospital, on December 13th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. BAILEY, a son. [5642]

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 14th, 1927.

THE FUTURE OF INTERPORT CRICKET.

EXTRACTS which we published, on Monday from Singapore newspapers show that a sharp controversy has arisen over the bad defeats suffered in the recent Interport cricket matches by the Malaya team. The complaint made by several correspondents is that the team was by no means representative, and one of them describes it as a Singapore Cricket Club picnic party. Malaya has plenty of cricket talent, enough in fact to defeat an Australian team led by no less a champion than G. C. MACARTNEY and including several players who figured in Test Matches against England. And yet at Hong Kong their representatives were plainly not in the same class as either of their opponents.

It was pointed out in reply to critics that each member of the team paid his own expenses, and here possibly lies the crux of the matter. Quite apart from their services being spared for at least three weeks, a serious matter in these days when firms are cutting down staffs and overhauling expenditure, very few young fellows can contemplate paying their own expenses. One correspondent suggests that expenses should be paid "when necessary," but that is impracticable. A selection committee weighing the merits of two players would certainly give a slight preference to the man who could pay his own way. That slight preference would, inevitably, be stretched. Once the principle is admitted few players would not prefer to have expenses paid. Hardly any one of cricketing age, earning his living in the Far East, is so fortunate as to be quite indifferent as to whether he or his club pays all that an Interport visit involves. If the clubs undertake expenses it must be all or none, and to pay for the whole team is a big liability. But a good deal depends upon it. If it cannot be done Interport Cricket must in time become merely

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a visit of a dozen or so good fellows, with, incidentally, a few games of cricket; and the victory of the home side more of less a foregone conclusion. That will not hold the present interest aroused by the Interports. Players will think twice about deserting their clubs in important League matches for a game with a scratch visiting side. This means that the standard of Interport cricket will fall. These Interport games at present exercise an invigorating influence on the whole quality of cricket in the Far East. We speak of the Interport's standard, which is an approximation to county cricket at home. Its deterioration would be a loss. Cricket, like everything else has to struggle to hold its place and out here rivalry between different provinces is particularly keen. Since football is played at the same season of the year the good footballer, who is often useful with bat or cricket ball, has to choose between the two games, or even golf may claim him.

In the Malayan controversy the question of invitations to non-European players was also raised. If K. S. DUNN, a resident in the Far East, would, of course, be eagerly welcomed in any team. But to go to the other extreme, it would not be so easy to decide what to do if a ground cooler developed the fighting powers of a COLIN BLYTHE or the wizardry of a SINCEY BARNES. Professionalism has not yet entered sport in the Far East, but if our English games spread and develop its arrival is inevitable, nor need it be feared. Cricket is par excellence the democratic game. In village cricket many a squire's son plays under the captaincy of one of his father's servants; in the Services officers and men play together for their ships and regiments. In passing, however, it may be said that many of us welcome Surcouf's refusal of the Yorkshire captaincy. Eleven professionals are not a democracy but an aristocracy of talent, which, curiously enough, results in a stodgy style of play. If the popularity of cricket, the standard of play and the keenness of interport rivalry increase then in time Far Eastern ports will like the Indian clubs, engage English professionals to coach them during the winter months when the game is played out here. This, owing to the length of the voyage, will probably lead to the engagement of resident professionals by some of the leading clubs. These points are all concerned with the question of Interport expenses and we trust therefore that subject will be thoroughly threshed out for obvious reasons it is of real importance to the future of the game.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Burgess returned to the Colony by the R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* from Manila.

Entries close to-day for the Fanning-Hunt Steeplechase Meeting to be held on Saturday, December 24th.

The leasehold property at 5, Wanchai Road, which was to have been sold by auction at the China Auction Rooms yesterday was withdrawn from the market.

The annual exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club opens to-day, and continues to-morrow at Pedder Building (4th floor) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 to 7 p.m.

Silk forwarded from Hong Kong by the *Empress of Asia* on November 18th arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on December 18th having been 23 days in transit.

Hong Kong passengers on board the s.s. *City of Lahore*, due to arrive here on Saturday next, include Miss W. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grey, Miss F. McGill and Miss M. Taylor.

On a charge of larceny of a fountain pen from the pocket of a pedestrian, a Chinese was yesterday morning sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

A Chinese, who lived at No. 28, Tai Shek Street, first floor, suffered serious injuries when he jumped into the street from the verandah of his house on Monday. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A Chinese woman was fined \$5 by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, for causing unnecessary pain and suffering to three chickens by carrying them with their wings tied together with a piece of string.

The organ recital by Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., at St. John's Cathedral last evening proved very enjoyable. There was a fair attendance, and the various offerings were much appreciated. The Organ Fund will benefit by the effort.

Among the passengers arriving by the s.s. President Jackson from Shanghai and ports yesterday were:—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cameron, Commander G. Howell, Mr. G. W. Sheppard, Mr. E. Mollat, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gubbay.

Mr. F. C. Barry, accountant of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., has been in the Peak Hospital since December 4th suffering from typhoid. At first his condition was very serious, but yesterday morning he was reported to have taken a turn for the better, although he is not yet out of danger.

The next meeting of the Sanitary Board would have been held in the ordinary course of events on Tuesday, December 27th, but as this day has been declared as a public holiday (for Boxing Day) the next meeting of the Board was yesterday afternoon postponed until Wednesday, December 28th (the following day).

The Second Annual Dinner Dance of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel roof garden on Friday, December 16th, from 8 until 12.30. A short review of the activities of the Society during the past year will be given by the President, Commander Hartford, B.M. (ret.). Special menus and programmes have been prepared.

A servant who disappeared on Monday afternoon while in the employment of Mr. C. M. Manners, of No. 4, Armand Building, Kowloon, is suspected of having taken with him jewellery to the value of \$770 according to a report made to the police. Another report stated that a Corona typewriter valued at \$168 was stolen from the Rhenish Mission, Bonham Road.

The master of the Tai Yau Garage, Whitfield Road, has reported to the police that a *fok* has absconded with a pair of gold bangles valued at \$90, the property of complainant's wife. It appears that the *fok* induced the mistress to part with the bangles by stating that the master had authorised him to borrow them for one of the *fok*'s relatives to wear at a wedding.

There is a fairly heavy calendar for the December Criminal Sessions which opens at the Supreme Court on Monday next. There are two murder and one manslaughter trials, to be taken before the Chief Justice, and the remaining six cases include five armed robberies and one case of throwing corrosive acid at a girl at Kowloon. The latter cases will probably be heard before the Puisne Judge. It is expected that the Sessions will continue until Friday.

THE WOUNDED POLICE. SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

On enquiry at the Government Civil Hospital last night, we were informed that Sergeant McMahon and other police (Gao Chinese and one Indian) who were injured in last Wednesday's shooting affair continued to make satisfactory progress.

THE CANTON RIOT.

(CONT'D.).

THE RED PROCLAMATION.

CONFISCATE PROPERTY.

EXTERMINATE LANDLORDS.

FOREIGNERS FROM TUNGSHAN TAKEN TO SHAMEEN.

We learn from an entirely reliable source that during Sunday the City of Canton completely controlled by the Communists. They indulged in burning and looting and issued proclamations purporting to be in the name of the Soviet of Hong Kong wherein they ordered that landlords should be exterminated, all title deeds destroyed, and all lands and houses confiscated. They released all prisoners. The Customs and Post Offices were temporarily closed and all trade came to a standstill. Later, however, the seamen returned to their river steamers and communication with Hong Kong was once more possible. Fortunately for the members of the Government they were able to find refuge on the south bank of the river, and this possession they still hold. Their position does not appear to be bad. They have complete control of the Naval craft, and consequently of the river. They have urgently called up troops from the outlying districts, and on Monday morning they launched a strong counter-attack. It is understood that there is a good prospect that order will shortly be restored.

INTERNATIONAL RESCUES BY BRITISH GUNBOAT.

On Sunday, in view of the danger which might be threatening the foreigners at or near Tungshan, the British Vice-Consul, Mr. Hall, embarked on H.M.S. *Moorken* and proceeded by way of the front reach to their rescue. Although the vessel was subjected to a heavy fire from the Communists on the north bank on her way down, fortunately no casualties occurred. The mission met with complete success. Eleven Britishers, 15 Americans and 55 Germans were brought to safety in Shanghai. It appears that the foreign community at Tungshan has not been entirely evacuated as about six British subjects and some other foreigners refused to leave. So far as is known it would appear that foreigners have not been molested in any way whatever. It is quite impossible at present to estimate the amount of damage to property which has occurred in the city.

HOW A RUSSIAN ESCAPED. SAW FIFTY DEAD BODIES IN STREET.

The adventures of Nikolas Gregorovich Bykoff, who described himself as a "White" Russian, were related to the local police when he gave himself up as a destitute and was committed to the House of Detention yesterday. According to Bykoff's story, he had been through the varying fortunes of a Russian soldier until he was put in prison by the Chinese authorities at Swatow and later transferred on board a Chinese gunboat to Canton, where on land he met with a similar fate. He was a prisoner for six months. The Communist rising in Canton on Sunday gave Bykoff the opportunity to get free, which he did by proclaiming himself a Red and eventually he reached Hong Kong through the help of the Chief Officer of the s.s. *Taihan* who agreed to take him on board provided he surrendered himself to the police on arrival.

At four o'clock on Sunday morning Bykoff was awakened by reports of shooting and cries in the street outside the prison. Shortly after men with red sashes and armbands entered the prison. They spoke the Northern dialect and questioned the prisoners. Thirty-four out of sixty inmates who claimed that they were political prisoners were then set free. Bykoff who had been seated in a corner of the cell, and was wondering what was going to happen next was questioned as to his nationality. When he said he was a Russian the Communists concluded that he was one of their kind, and remarking "As you are a political prisoner, you may go," they set him free with the 34 Chinese prisoners.

When he got into the street, Bykoff found it deserted except for dead bodies of men mostly in police uniform, of which he saw about fifty lying in the street. The Chinese prisoners as soon as they found themselves in the street scattered in all directions.

Bykoff ran aimlessly up and down a number of streets in an endeavour to get to Shamoen. At last he reached the China Navigation Company's wharf and was brought to Hong Kong.

It appears from the man's story that the Russian destitute who was committed to the House of Detention last week was also in the same prison in Canton and managed to escape. Arrangements will be made shortly to send both these men to Shanghai.

REDS BUSY IN HONG KONG.

SEVERAL ARRESTS.

SEDITIONARY LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED.

There was an outbreak of Communist activity in Hong Kong, timed to synchronise with the Canton revolt. Yesterday seditious literature, calling for a general strike and containing the usual Communist slogans, denunciations and other rubbish was being sedulously distributed, a good deal of it finding its way to the schools, which, as usual, were particular objects of attention.

The pamphlets also stated that the Soviet Revolutionary Government was in complete control in Canton, when actually the rabble was being driven northward in ignominious defeat.

One man is said to have been arrested while throwing pamphlets into school premises.

ARRESTS FROM THE "FATSHAN."

When the hordes of passengers disembarked from the *Fatshan* the police made a number of arrests. There was a rumour that, on the information of Canton detectives, a number of looters, who had fled here with their spoils had been taken into custody.

One of the most notorious Reds, Ip Ting, had, it is stated, also been followed here by Canton police and was duly apprehended on his arrival.

As the *Lungshan* was arriving at her wharf four men from the crowd, which had assembled at the waterfront were taken into custody. They are said to be officials of the Seamen's Union, one of them being its English secretary.

The police are maintaining a close patrol of the waterfront and vigorously searching all passengers from Canton.

RIVER BOAT SERVICE NORMAL.

Traffic with Canton returned to normal yesterday. All the boats were running. The *Fatshan* returned at 3 p.m., and the *Charles Hardman*, *Tung On*, and *Kwong Tung* came in at about midnight.

The night vessels going up were the *Fatshan*, *Tung On*, and *Paul Benz* and *Sai On*. The *Lungshan* left Canton at 3 p.m. (an hour earlier than her usual time of departure from that port) instead of at 1 p.m., the later departure being in view of the comparatively quiet conditions prevailing at Canton. The other three vessels arriving here last night left Canton at a later hour.

With the "Reds" apparently ousted, steamship captains are of the opinion they will berth at the wharves as from to-day.

There were full night sailings last night with fair bookings. Few passengers came down, another hopeful sign.

TROUBLE AT KONGMOON.

A wireless message was received in Hong Kong yesterday from Kongmoon to the effect that the s.s. *San Nam Hoi* and the s.s. *On Lee* had had trouble with their crews, the men having deserted, probably under threats from the Seamen's Union. They are due to sail from Kongmoon but are not likely to arrive to-day unless brought down by naval ratings. The *Tai Lee* and the *Wing On* on the same run did not leave here last night, their sailing having been cancelled on account of the Kongmoon trouble.

CANTON INCENDIARISM.

FRENCH AND JAPANESE PROPERTY DAMAGED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Russia, Dec. 13th. Following the Communists coup in Canton during the absence of most of Chang Fat Fui's troops, disorders are continuing. Incendiary fires, which damaged the French Mission Building, Japanese Hospital, and Central Bank continue burning in many parts of the city. Foreigners have not been interfered with, but numbers of Chinese, including many police, have been shot. Steamer traffic has been resumed between Canton and Hong Kong and many refugees have reached the latter city.

HEALTH OF THE COLONY.

Hong Kong continues to enjoy a very satisfactory bill of health, surprisingly few cases of notifiable disease being reported last week. There were no cases of small-pox, and there was only one case, unfortunately, fatal of enteric. There were three cases of diphtheria (two fatal), two of cerebro-spinal fever (one fatal) and one case of paratyphoid fever.

On Monday one case of diphtheria and one of cerebro-spinal fever were reported.

THE CHRISTIAN GENERAL PERSONALLY DIRECTING OPERATIONS AT THE SHANTUNG FRONT.

LI CHUNG JEN FINDS IT "HIGHLY NECESSARY" TO DESPATCH AN EXPEDITION TO CANTON.

WANG CHING WEI AND THE "LEFTISTS" HELD INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CANTON'S CONDITION.

SHANGHAI CANTONESE MERCHANTS URGE LI TSAI HSIN TO ATTACK CANTON'S "REDS."

The only news to hand of the hostilities in the North is the statement that Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang is personally conducting operations on the South Shantung front, where he has recently been meeting with considerable success. He has cabled to General Ho Ying Ching to advance towards Shantung and rendered help. A late message states that the Northerners have recently been inflicting damage on part of Feng's troops.

Evidently the Canton anarchy has created a considerable stir in the North, and in several quarters punitive expeditions are being mentioned. In Shanghai, influential Cantonese merchants are urging General Li Tsai Hsin to proceed to Canton and tackle the "Reds."

Mr. Wang Ching Wei who, presumably, is still in Shanghai, is apparently doing his utmost to indicate that he has no sympathy with Canton's "Red" rising.

NORTHERN SUCCESSES OVER FENG'S TROOPS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Dec. 13th. A conference at Hsuehchow on the 11th inst. decided that Sun Chuan-fang should act on the defensive against the Southerners while Chang Tsung-chang should personally lead the attack along the Peking-Hankow Railway against Feng Yu Hsiang.

There seems no doubt that the Northerners are, following up successes in the vicinity of Hsuehchow and are advancing in several directions. They claim to have recaptured Tangshan, Taoshow and Tientsin as well as Weiwei and Sinsiang on the Peking-Hankow Railway and are clearing a branch line leading to the Peking-Sydney canal mines.

All reports declare that the casualties in the Hsuehchow area were severe and that large numbers were killed in bayonet fighting, which is considered indicative that Feng Yu Hsiang was defeated because he ran short of ammunition.

MR. WANG CHING WEI'S ACTIVITIES.

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13th. On receiving information that a "Red" uprising had broken out in Canton, Mr. Wang Ching Wei immediately despatched a telegram to his colleagues in Kwangtung, ordering them to adopt drastic measures in dealing with the "Reds."

A telegram to Chen Kung Pu, Chang Fat Fui and Li Fu Lin says that General Wang Kie Ching is to blame in view of the fact that he is responsible for the toleration of the "Red" activities in Canton and therefore he must be deprived of the post he now holds.

In a telegram to Generals Li Fu Lin, Chang Fat Fui and Chen Kung Pu, Mr. Wang Ching Wei proposes to repatriate the Russian Consul in Canton. He also urges the Canton military leaders to fight to the last with the "Reds" so that "we may not be laughed at by our enemies nor be resented by our friends."

Yesterday evening General Li Tsai Hsin was invited to a reception given by Cantonese merchants in Shanghai. They urged General Li to raise an expedition against the "Reds" in Canton and offered him financial support. It was unanimously decided to form an association representative of Cantonese merchants in Shanghai for the purpose of raising funds and giving other material help to facilitate the "anti-Red" army against the "Reds" now holding Canton.

WUHAN COMMUNISTS CAUSING TROUBLE.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

HANKOW, Dec. 12th. Communists are still endeavouring to create serious trouble in the Wuhan cities, but action is being taken against them in Wuchang, a number having been arrested and executed.

The situation affecting General Chen Chien and General Li Chung Yan shows no sign of change, the tension still running high.

SHANGHAI TRAMWAY STRIKE.

ANOTHER INSPECTOR SHOT.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12th. The terrorist campaign organised by the tramway strikers continues unabated; another inspector being shot dead by desperadoes to-day.

The attempts at a settlement of the dispute are at a standstill as the result of the murders.

BRITISH OFFICER'S DISAPPEARANCE.

MEMBER OF BRITISH LEGATION GUARD.

MISSING SINCE OCTOBER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 13th. The Governor of Shanai, Yen Shih Shan, has informed the British Authorities in Peking that despite careful inquiries no trace has been found in the province of Lieutenant Knowles of the British Legation Guard, who has been missing since October when he proceeded westward on a fortnight's walking tour. He was last heard of in the middle of November, when he stayed for a few days in a Trappist monastery. The gravest fears are entertained as to his fate.

ELLY WIDLER SENTENCED.

THREE MONTHS' FOR USING FORGED DOCUMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13th. The Swiss Consular Court has sentenced Elly Widler to three months imprisonment for using a forged document.

"SEND US SMOKES."

"S.O.S." FROM A TROOPSHIP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 12th. "Send us smokes," was the new form of S.O.S. sent out by the steamer *Bellerophon* when nearing the Mersey from Shanghai with 600 troops on board, as the tobacco supplies were exhausted.

A tender was despatched from Liverpool and dispensed cigarettes to the eager Tommies lining the bulwarks. One impatient sufferer overbalanced and fell over the tender rope being rendered unconscious. When resuscitated he immediately requested a "rag."

FRENCH BUDGET.

HURRIED THROUGH THE CHAMBER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 12th. In obedience to M. Poincaré's behest to speed up the Finance Bill, the Chamber of Deputies sat all day on Sunday and concentrated on the Budget, which was passed by 408 votes to 135 at an early hour in the morning.

BIAS BAY PIRATES.

QUESTION AS TO THEIR SUPPRESSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 12th. In the House of Commons, replying to Sir John Power, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said he was unable to make a definite statement at present as regards the steps to suppress the Bias Bay pirates, except that the question was being considered by a committee of the Diplomatic Body at Peking, consisting of the British, French, Italian, Japanese and United States Ministers.

A NEW G.O.C.

MAJOR-GENERAL WARDROP SUCCEEDS MAJ. GEN. JOHN DUNCAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 12th. Major-General J. Duncan has been appointed General Officer Commanding, First Division, Major-General A. E. Wardrop succeeds him as G.O.C., North China command.

Major-General John Duncan has been in command in North China since the despatch of the Shanghai Defence Force.

[Major-General Alexander Ernest Wardrop, C.B., C.M.G., R.A., has been General Officer Commanding the Lahore district, India, since 1923. He was born in 1872, the son of the late Major-General A. Wardrop. Entering the Army after leaving Haileybury, he had a distinguished career. He served in the European War, 1914-1918, and was mentioned in despatches nine times, besides being awarded the Legion of Honour, of which Order he was made an officer. The French War Cross, Italian War Cross, Order of St. Anne, 3rd class, with Swords, and the 1914 Star.

A keen sportsman, he has written of his shooting experiences in India, his publications including "Modern Pig-Sticking" and "Days and Nights with Indian Big Game."

Received in Audience.

LONDON, December 12th. His Majesty gave an audience to Major-General Wardrop on his appointment as G.O.C. in North China.

WAR COMPENSATION COURT.

FINAL PUBLIC SESSION.

ENORMOUS SUM INVOLVED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 13th. The final public session of the War Compensation Court, which in 1920, succeeded the Defence of the Realm Commission, will be held on Friday. It was organised at the outbreak of the war to deal with claims for compensation arising out of emergency war measures, in such a way that minimum injury would be done to public finances and to rights of citizens.

The claims heard by the courts have totalled £16,800,000 and payments made respecting them amounted to nearly £9,000,000.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 13th. Faced with machine-gun troops posted before the Chamber, the members of the House of Representatives found themselves "locked out" by Governor Henry Johnston.

The Speaker therefore summoned the members to "sit in the street" and receive impeachment charges against the Governor.

Eventually the Legislators assembled in the local hotel.

The trouble apparently arose over the question of the Legislature's right to assemble on its own initiative.

The Senate did so last week without an executive order, but the State Supreme Court declared the session illegal.

The Senate thereupon voted itself qualified to sit as a Court of Impeachment and decided to reassemble when the Lower House had prepared indictments against the Governor, who is alleged to be a member of the mystic Rosicrucian order.

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U.S. SUGAR INDUSTRY.

NEW INSTITUTE FORMED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW DELHI, December 13th. The Dupont interests have acquired a controlling interest in the United States Rubber Company Board's 100 United States Sugar Refining Companies.

At the largest conference of the sugar interests since the war it was decided to form an American Sugar Institute for the purpose of stabilising the industry.

It is understood that the organisation, which has been approved by the Federal Government, will compile statistics, examine tariffs, and collect information but will not act as a price-fixing body.

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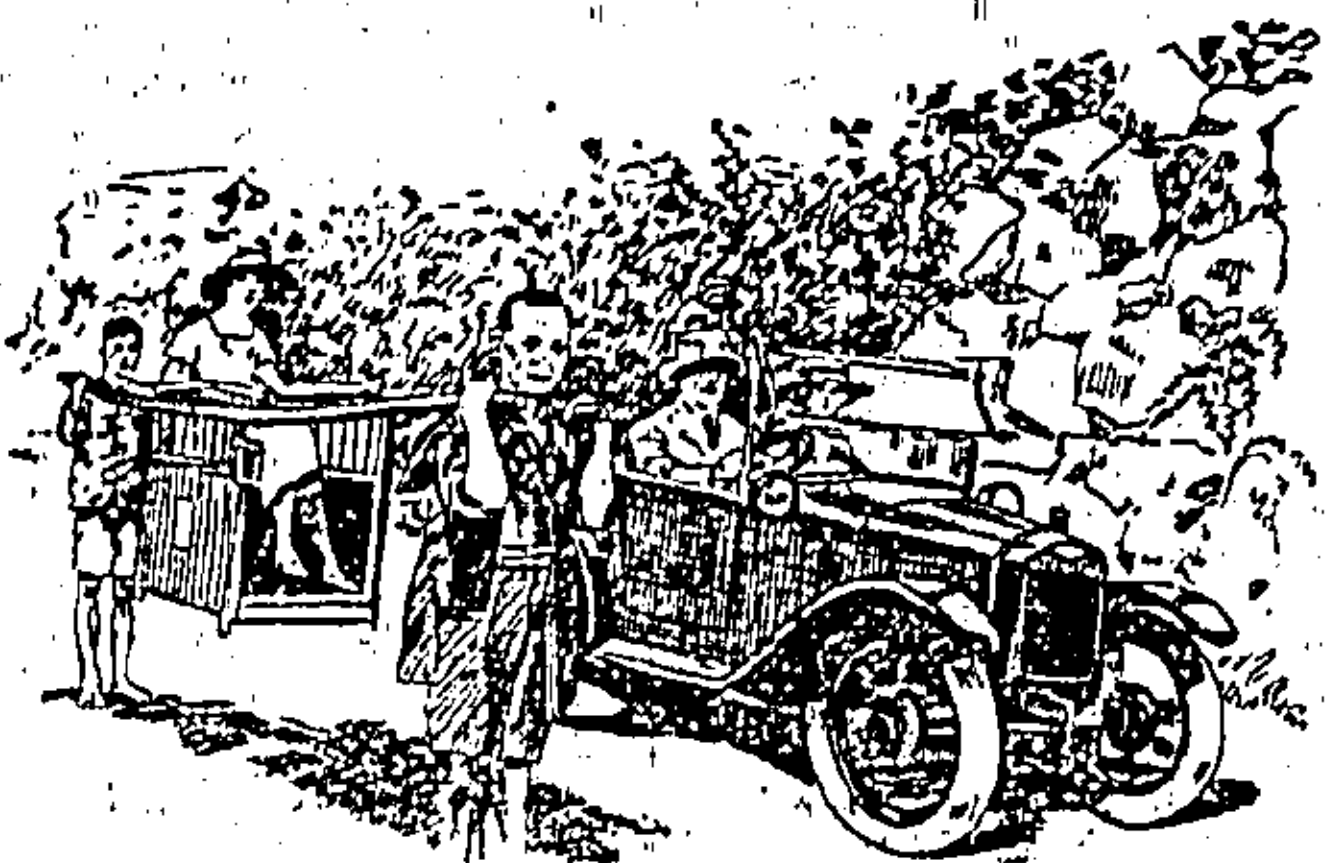
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MOTOR NOTES.

THE A.A. DINNER DANCE.

The second annual dinner of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will take place on Friday, December 16th, at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, from 8 till 12.30. After dinner there will be a dance.

Every effort has been made to make this affair a success. The proceedings will be in the main informal, and the only scheduled speaker is the President, Comdr. Hartford, R.N. (ret.), who will give a short resume of the activities of the year.

Special menus and programmes have been prepared and those arranging it have done everything in their power to ensure that members and their friends shall feel that the evening has been well spent.

The present membership of the Automobile Association in Hong Kong stands at approximately 600. It is to be hoped that this dinner may be instrumental in bringing into the Association many a wavering car owner.

UP TO THE PEAK IN THE 9 H.P. FIAT.

A GOOD PERFORMANCE.

I was able to test some of the capabilities of a Fiat yesterday. The car under review was a 2-seater 9 h.p. model 509.

The car was taken up to the Peak, which it reached without once having to change down. This would not have been so surprising if we had had a straight run, but in the course of the climb we slackened speed several times, either owing to traffic or to test the capabilities of the engine. At one time the speed dropped to about 12 m.p.h. but the engine seemed to have no difficulty in picking up.

The performance of the car was really impressive. The engine is surprisingly lively, and answers immediately to a touch on the accelerator. Its running is also very smooth and quiet.

The low centre of gravity of the car allows cornering at far higher speeds than is possible with most other types, and both at sharp corners and over bad surface the car holds the road well. The four-wheel brakes are both silent and efficient.

I also spent a few minutes with a 6-cylinder 3½ litre model 512. Without putting it to any test, it was obvious that there was plenty of power in the engine, while the upholstery and general turn-out of this model was of the highest quality.

In all their cars Fiat seem to have catered well both for the comfort and the pleasure of their purchasers.

R. H. H.

GREAT BRITAIN AND MOTOR RACING.

Discussing the subject of future Grand Prix Races and the part to be taken by Great Britain therein, Mr. T. G. John, managing director, Alvis Car and Engineering Co., Ltd., in a forceful letter to *The Motor*, remarks:—

"Racing at all times is an expensive business. Matters of design and manufacture are not extremely difficult; but the cost of taking steps to ensure success beyond all reasonable doubt is very great indeed.

"I cannot give figures, but from information I received from one of the Delage people, I know that their expenditure on racing this year has been just 25 times what our own expenditure has been, and in these Grand Prix events, without in the slightest degree desiring to minimize their magnificent successes, they reaped the benefit of this heavy expenditure. Any British firm to achieve the same practical certainty would have to spend approximately just as much, although, of course, if luck favoured them, it might be done for very much less.

"It is common knowledge that at least one foreign government directly and heavily subsidizes its chief motor manufacturing concern for such efforts."

GIGANTIC FORD MACHINERY.

PREPARATIONS FOR CHANGING MASS PRODUCTION.

DETROIT, Oct. 31st.

"From end to end the Fordson plant of the Ford Motor Company hums and vibrates with preparations for producing the new Ford car," the *Ford News*, house organ of the company, says in its latest issue.

"Some of the most interesting units especially designed and built for production on the new car are the hot metal spinning machines. Placed in one of these machines between vertical rotating dies, discs of hot metal are radically transformed in area and shape within a few seconds. The manner in which the change is brought about reminds one of clay on a potter's wheel.

"Another striking group is composed of six huge power presses. The largest press used in producing the Ford model T weighed about 215,000 pounds. The largest pair of the new presses weigh 450,000 pounds each. With its die in place one of the largest pairs weighs 536,000 pounds.

New Welding Machinery.

"Not only has the amount of welding machinery in use been increased by hundreds of units, but a large variety of new machinery of this type has been developed, particularly in the spot, butt and seam welding fields.

"The strategic location of departments has been carried to a point far beyond that existing formerly. In the steel mill, for example, several manufacturing departments have been placed at points where they will receive their stock direct from the cooling beds of the rolling mills which have prepared it. Their product will thus leave the mill in a form ready to be used on the assembly line.

"The main assembly line has joined the motor assembly line at the Fordson plant. Body assembly has been vastly improved. Separate body lines for the different body types have been superseded by a new arrangement which makes possible the assembly of all types on a single line.

Converted Steel Barges.

"Five of the steel merchant ships bought from the Shipping Board have been converted into barges and hauled in pairs by Ford tugs. They are plying regularly with cargoes of raw material up and down the lakes. It has been found that the tug and barge system of carrying coal, iron ore, lumber and other raw materials from Ford properties to Fordson and other plants has advantages which make the new craft valuable additions to the Ford lake fleet.

"The number of coke ovens at the Fordson plant has been doubled, which insures an ample supply of blast furnace and foundry coke and furnace fuel in the shape of gas and tar, besides making available a larger amount of stove and domestic furnace fuel for employees and of ammonium sulphate and motor benzol for the public. The yield of motor benzol in the new ovens is considerably more than that of the old.

"Another furnace of 200 tons daily capacity has been placed in operation at the open hearth in addition to the four already in action there. Three more are in course of construction. This huge building plays the major part in the process of converting steel merchant ships into automobiles and contains hydraulic and mechanical shears for cutting up ship metal. The equivalent of 40,000 gallons of tar is needed to furnish heat to five furnaces for a single day's operation.

Huge Turbogenerators.

"Of eight turbogenerators, for which provision has been made, four are now installed in the main power house. The turbine and the generator of one of these units weigh 360,000 pounds each. The rotor of each generator weighs 72,000 pounds; the rotor of each turbine weighs 108,000 pounds. Steam for each unit is condensed in a condenser containing nearly 24 miles of one-inch pipe, of which there are 5,100 separate pieces per unit. 30,000 gallons of cold water per minute are pumped through (Continued at foot of next column.)

DIMMING.

IN LIGHTED AND UNLIGHTED PLACES.

The question of the dimming of headlights was mentioned in the Police Courts last week. This point has been widely discussed, for there is no definite ruling by the A.A. and consequently the decision is left in the hands of the motorist himself.

This is the opinion put forward by one motorist on this question of dimming or dipping.

When driving in lighted thoroughfares headlights should be kept permanently dimmed. The full beam of headlights tends to limit the field of vision of the driver, blotting out anything which is not immediately in the beam. On the other hand, with headlights extinguished, the driver is able to see the sidewalks, to watch the movements of pedestrians and to see by the light of street lamps quite as far ahead as should be necessary for complete safety.

Headlights Useful As Warning.

It has been said before now that headlights are useful as a warning of the approach of a car. This is, of course, true to some extent, though the glare of headlights also tends to dazzle pedestrians and the drivers of other vehicles. But apart from that, it is unquestionable that the ultimate onus of avoiding an accident should lie not on the pedestrian, but on the motorist, and so the driver should be as advantageously placed as possible for the active avoidance of accidents. The horn, or the headlights fulfilling the duties of a horn, are useful as giving warning of approach, but it is to brakes and steering that the motorist must look when a crisis occurs. The more the driver can trust himself to foresee difficulties, and the less he trusts others to avoid them, the better will be his driving.

As to dimming or switching off when meeting other cars, this should only be done if the approaching car is sighted at some distance. To dim just before passing, even if the other car dims as well, is worse than useless, as the driver is unable to see anything in the sudden darkness. If a driver finds himself close upon another car he should leave his lights burning, and draw in close to the left hand side of the road, looking to that side, rather than at the approaching car.

This, of course, is merely the private opinion of one motorist. It would be interesting to hear the opinions of others of our readers on this question.

MORE MOTOR-CYCLES.

Writing in *Motor Cycling*, Mr. Boulthée Brooks, the President of the British Cycle and Motorcycle Manufacturers' and Traders' Union, remarks:—"Wonderful as has been the extension of motor-cycling in the past few years, I still feel that we have not yet, as a nation, realised to the full the possibilities that the motorcycle places in our hands. The motorcycle is by far the most economical and efficient transport vehicle that mankind has so far succeeded in evolving, and it seems to me that we are not yet making as much use of it as we should. I believe the time will come when every household will have its motorcycle or motorcycles, just as nearly everyone now keeps a bicycle or two about the place. When we reach that stage we shall save annually a very great deal of money that would otherwise have been expended on more costly means of transport and we shall also benefit physically from the fitness that motor-cycling gives to its devotees."

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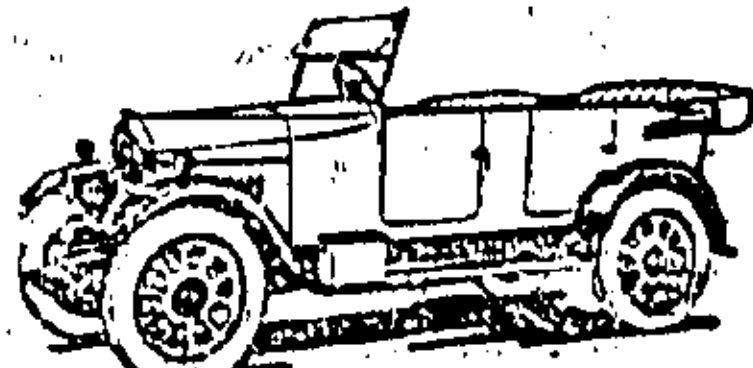
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UTILITY MOTOR-CYCLES.

Commenting on the Motor Cycle Show at Olympia, *Motor Cycling* says that the trade is doing wisely in showing a more general interest in the production of purely utility motorcycles, designed obviously with the idea of gaining the attention of persons who have not hitherto regarded motorcycling as an attractive means of transport.

These little machines sell at prices that are, in some instances, almost ridiculously low; their specifications appear to be thoroughly sound and very frequently include "that most convenient amongst adjuncts, an electric lighting set. They will do much, we are sure, to popularize motorcycling with a section of the public that has so far refrained from adopting the most economical method of transport known.

MOToring NOTES

(CONT'D.)

AUTOMATIC SPARK PLUG.

A NEW SELF-ADJUSTING IGNITION SYSTEM.

New York. Engineers here hail the invention of a self-adjusting ignition system as second in importance to the self-starter.

This innovation in automotive engineering has already been tried out with considerable success in speed boat motors. It is the development of many years of experimenting.

The new ignition principle is incorporated in a single unit in the form of a spark plug with an automatically adjusting spark gap. That is, a short gap for starting and a wider gap for running.

This self-adjusting spark plug was first introduced last spring and was installed in some of the country's most famous speed craft at the various national regattas. Its inventors point to the fact that in all the important regattas held in the east this past season the new unit was used in practically every winning boat.

The new type of spark plug is said to obtain its self-adjusting feature by means of a bi-metal side electrode. In starting, the gap of .015 of an inch gives a hot intense spark. Almost immediately the heat of the motor causes the gap to open to .030 of an inch, thus doubling the size of the spark for ideal smooth running.

When the motor is shut off, the gap adjusts itself to its original small opening, again ready for a quick easy start.

This unit has been equally successful on the race track and in airplanes, as in speed boats. It was installed in winning cars in eleven events at Redlands, Calif., recently, and in winners at other racing events.

UNARMED AND ALONE.

AUSTRALIAN'S DASH ACROSS INDIA.

Mr. Francis Birtles, who has now completed with his 14 h.p. Bean the first lap of the attempt to reach Australia from London overland through Burma, expects to arrive in Calcutta by Christmas day.

"I have got to get through by then," he says in an interview at Sofia, "because of the snow on the Persian hills, 10,000 feet above sea level. I am travelling alone and I am taking no arms with me until I get to Calcutta, because, the Dacoits kill you all the sooner for the sake of any arms you have got. Dacoits are creatures I don't like. I don't mind tigers; the tiger is an animal of great dignity. Before I left England I went round studying tigers to see how they chewed up their food. At Calcutta I am going to buy a heavy calibre revolver and a high velocity rifle and I'll camp out with the hood of my Bean up and the tarpaulin down on both sides so that any wild animal knocking about will not know which point to attack."

Before Mr. Birtles left the Motor Show at Olympia, London, Sir Harry Brittain officially noted the numbers on his four tyres. These will be checked when the motorist arrives in Melbourne to test the claim that he can complete the 16,000 miles on one set of Dunlops.

Should Mr. Birtles succeed in his attempt, it will be a wonderful tribute both to the 14 h.p. Bean which he is driving, and to the Dunlop tyres in which he has placed his trust. It will also be a great personal achievement, for Mr. Birtles is travelling fast. He covered his first 1,000 miles at the rate of 200 miles a day, in itself a great physical strain, and the difficulties which he encounters by the way will increase rather than grow less. Unless he is seriously delayed by some accident en route, Mr. Birtles should certainly break the London to Calcutta motor record of 80 days.

FORD IN JAPAN.

TO BUILD A MILLION DOLLAR PLANT.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN, Nov. 14th. Edsel Ford, son of the famed Henry and vice-president of the Ford Motor Company, to-day announced that plans have been completed and work will begin immediately upon a million dollar assembly plant at Yokohama, Japan.

The new plant will have a capacity for producing 200 Fords of the new forthcoming model each day by August of 1928, Ford said. The Ford Company will also build a large bonded warehouse to store imported materials. Materials of the most durable and fireproof description will be employed in an effort to make the warehouse thoroughly fire and earthquake resisting, due to the frequent shocks in the Yokohama district.

39,000,000 IN U.S. BY 1940!

There will be 39,000,000 motor cars in the United States by 1940, according to a prediction by George Biesch of the Automotive Equipment Association of Chicago.

MOTOR-CYCLE RACE BAN.

BROOKLANDS TRACK RULED OUT.

Brooklands track can no longer be used for attempts on the world's motor-cycling records for the flying mile and kilometre distances. This important decision, which will seriously hamper British riders, has been communicated to the Auto-Cycle Union, the British governing body of motor-cycling sport, by the Federation Internationale des Clubs Motorcyclistes, the world-governing body.

Apparently the international rules governing these records state that the distances must be covered in either direction on a level course. The French representative on the governing body raised the question of Brooklands track. Ever since the beginning of motor sport this track has been recognised as a fit and proper place for these records. But at the recent meeting an objection was raised on the ground that riders obtain an undue advantage as they can get up speed on the banking and during the dive down on to the straight. After a long discussion this view was upheld by the F.I.C.M.

Britain's Records.

The communication of the decision to the A.C.U. has caused something like consternation. Britain holds nearly all the class records for these distances. They are records which are coveted by motor-cyclists all the world over.

Apart from Brooklands there are only two other places in this country where these records can be attempted—the sands at Southport, Lancashire, and Fording, Cambridgeshire. But in either case the expense will be very heavy.

Unless the A.C.U. get the decision reversed, said an official closely connected with the latest development "British riders will be heavily handicapped as regards these important world's records, and this is greatly to be regretted, considering the enormous prestige we have won recently as a result of our successes."

"The Brooklands banking, in the opinion of most riders, gives no advantage. Modern motor-cycles get up their engine speed so rapidly that the banking makes no difference."

ACCIDENTS DUE TO SELFISHNESS.

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 27th.

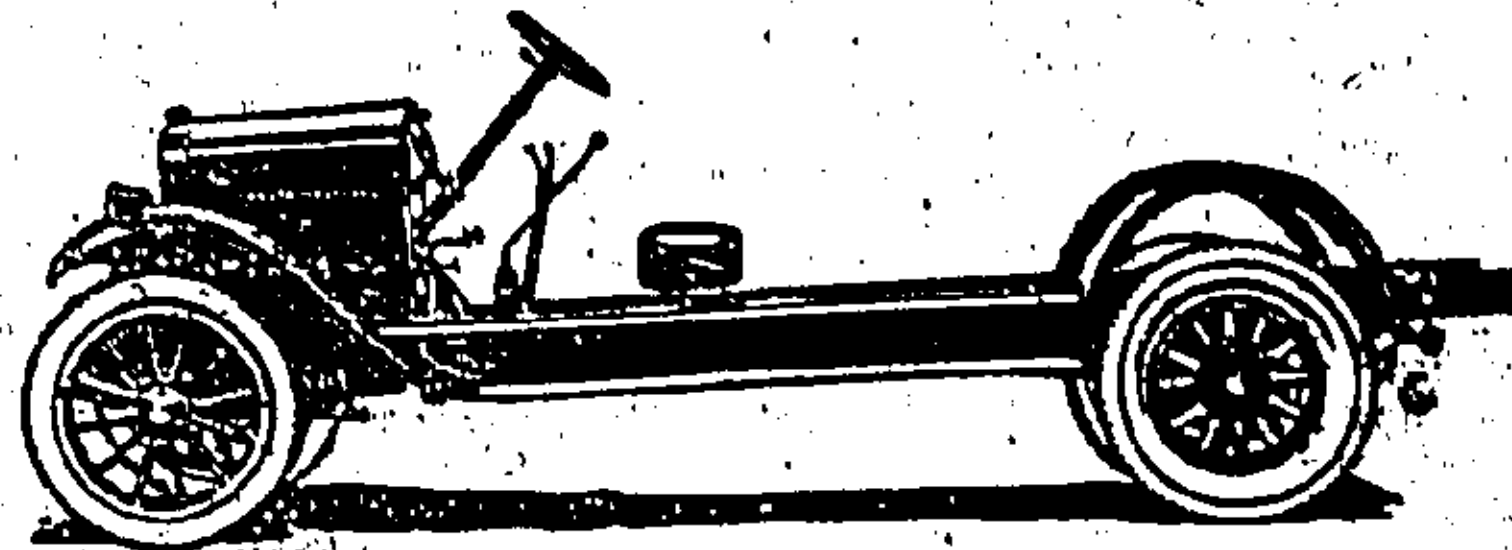
Ninety per cent. of smash-ups and collisions are caused by selfishness, impatience and carelessness of drivers, according to a report of the Royal Automobile Club of London.

Cutting in, usurping more than a fair share of the road, ignoring signals to save slowing down and a complete lack of spirit of give and take are considered among the chief causes of accidents.

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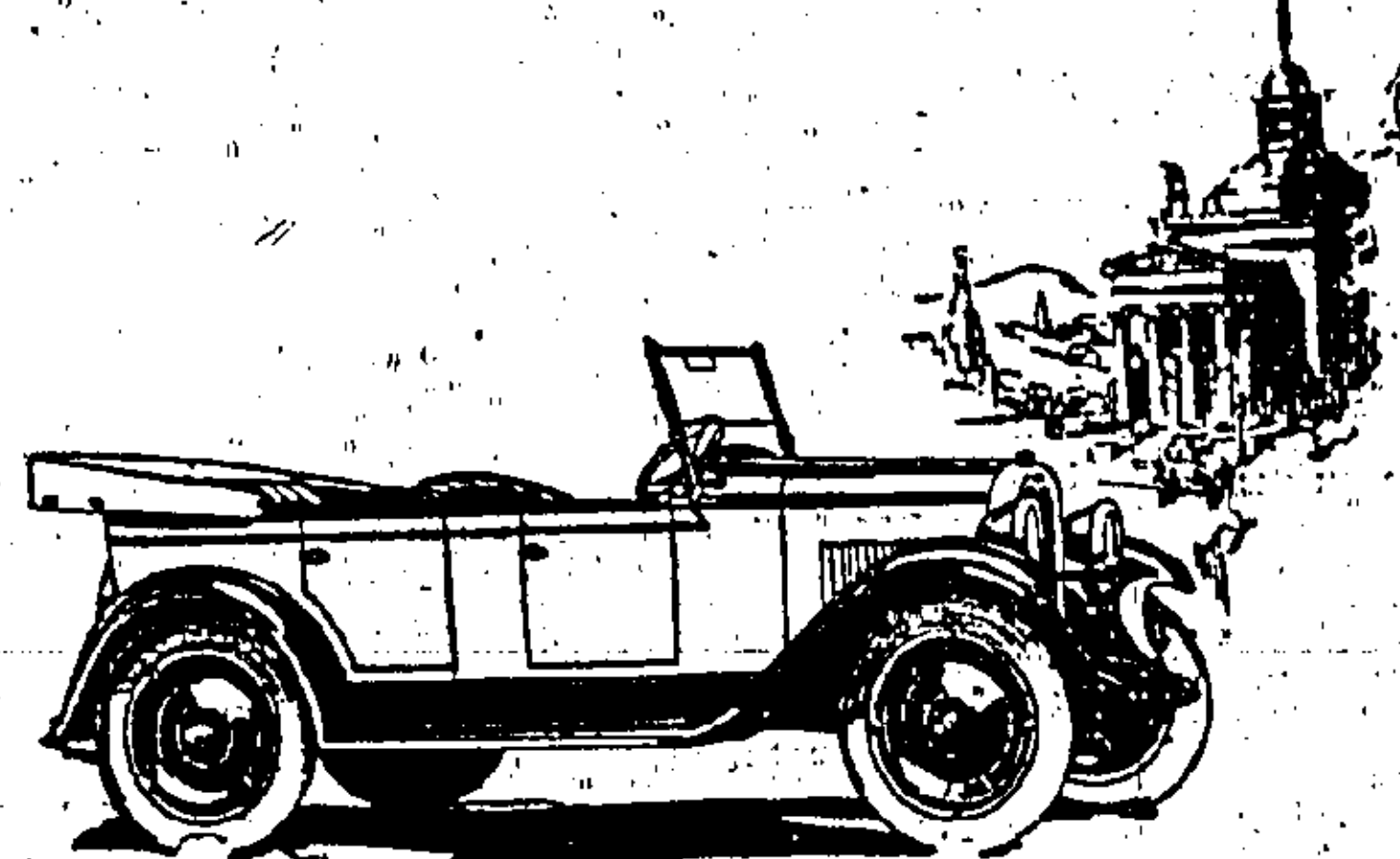


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SAFER MOTORING.

CO-OPERATION OF THE PEDESTRIAN.

Every one is a potential motorist. I imagine that there are few people who, if placed in the position of being able to afford a motor car, would prefer to be without one.

Motor-cars are becoming cheaper, smaller, safer, and more efficient day by day. Year by year more people will be able to afford the pleasures of motoring, and thus the number of motorists will steadily and infallibly increase.

New and safer roads have been constructed; others are being planned; existing roads are being widened and made as "safe" as possible.

If pedestrians, especially those who aspire to become motorists, would study road problems while they are yet pedestrians; if they would learn when and how they can assist motorists by signalling them over cross-roads or round a dangerous corner, they would not only be performing a most useful service to their fellow-citizens, but would be laying up a store of useful knowledge against the time when they themselves become drivers.

To do this, pedestrians need to know something of the difficulties which confront the average motorist of the present day and of the dangers which beset him in various circumstances.

Every Monday morning one reads of the toll of accidents over the week-end. The same thing applies only more so after a Bank Holiday. Pedestrians, I believe, could do a good deal to minimise these occurrences.

Help By Signals.

I have already noticed with considerable personal satisfaction an increasing effort on the part of pedestrians to help the motorist to the best of their ability by signals. Some of the signals are weird and wonderful, it is true, and one is sometimes at a loss to know what "information" the signalman intends to convey. Nevertheless, it is a kindly thought, and the principle is right.

At present one cannot perhaps place undue reliance on such help, although it depends to some extent on the appearance of the signalman. One can usually tell, for example, whether he is a sensible kind of man who is really out to help, whether he is the fussy type of man whose passion in life is to interfere in other people's business, or whether he is the kind of youth who will blithely wave one over a cross-road because he wants to see some "speeding," entirely regardless of the fact that there may be danger from unseen traffic.

At Corners.

So it does not do to rely too much on these signals at present, and while acknowledging the kindly thought of the signalman when he waves me round a corner when I am unable to get on, I always prepare to meet another car or even a charabanc or a hay cart. In many cases the signal has been decidedly useful; on other occasions one's caution proves to be well founded.

What we motorists ask is that the pedestrian should study carefully the orthodox road signals so that his efforts may be readily understood and acted on. In this way they will not only help other people to avoid accidents, but will benefit greatly by their experience when they themselves come to drive a car.

I look forward to the day when one will be able to act as readily on the signal of the average pedestrian as one does now on the signal of a policeman or scout.

But it is not fair to ask the non-motoring public to co-operate with motorists if the latter do not themselves co-operate. It must be a "fifty-fifty" business. Too many motorists think that because they are motorists they have prior claim on the roads at all times; others are unmanly enough to treat with scorn the well-meaning assistance of those on foot. Politeness is just as cheap to motorists as it is to the rest of the community.—Lord Cottenham in *Daily Express*.

RUBBER MERGER.

BIGGEST COMBINATION IN THE WORLD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 12th.

One of the biggest rubber-producing companies of the world will be formed by the merging of the Amalgamated Rubber and General Estates, and the Amalgamated Rubber and Development Company, into the United Serdang "Samatra" Rubber Plantations.

The latter is increasing its capital from £1,000,000 to £1,500,000.

The planted acreage will exceed 38,000, including 1,000 acres of coffee.

SUSPECTED SPY.

SWEDISH OFFICER RELEASED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12th.

The young Swedish officer, who was arrested and charged with spying on behalf of Soviet Russia, has been released, the police being of opinion that an examination does not justify further legal proceedings.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOUR NEW ORDINANCES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2.30 p.m. Four new Ordinances will be introduced.

An Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses.

An Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1897.

An Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.

An Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.

In addition, the Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1899, and the Ordinance to provide for the formation, establishment and regulation of the Hong Kong Police Reserve will come up for a second reading.

Financial Items.

Following the meeting of the Council there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee, when votes totalling \$10,491 will be asked for. The various items include \$700 for light and electric fans for the Fire Brigade; \$100 for electric fans for Government House; \$2,000 for the maintenance of sewers and nullahs; \$367 for the reconstruction of Wong-neichong nullah; \$1,200 for oil for police motor-cars and cycles; \$334 for H.E. the Governor's Aide-de-Camp; \$300 for incidental expenses in the Medical Department; \$5,250 for the purchase and alteration of a motor boat for the Imports and Exports Office; \$50 for incidental expenses in the Land Registry and \$180 for transport charges in the sanitary Department.

CONTROL OF FOOD PRICES.

SANITARY BOARD COMMITTEE TO REPORT.

According to the agenda before the Sanitary Board at the meeting yesterday afternoon Mr. Wong Kwong Tin should have moved yesterday "That this Board recommends that Legislation be introduced to provide means for the control and regulation of food prices in the Colony."

This motion arose out of the lengthy discussion at the previous meeting of the Board concerning market rentals, and food prices. At the previous meeting it was decided to appoint a Committee to inquire into market rents, but Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, although a member of the Committee appointed, said that a committee was unnecessary. He suggested that the Head of the Sanitary Board should deal with the question of fixing market stalls, but prices should be controlled by law.

Yesterday, when asked to move a resolution which stood in his name to this effect, he asked to be allowed to postpone it until a later date when most likely he would give it in another form.

The Board allowed the motion to stand in abeyance. This will now allow the committee appointed to inquire into the question of market rentals, and to make their report, before Mr. Wong Kwong Tin submits any fresh suggested action.

A PEAK TRAMWAY CASE.

CHARGES AGAINST EUROPEAN PASSENGER.

Mr. C. J. Hiron appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday to answer three summonses taken out by the Peak Tramway Company. The charges were (1) wilful obstruction; (2) interfering with the machinery; and (3) trespass. It was alleged that the offences were committed when he entered the engine house at about two o'clock in the afternoon when a brakeman and the driver were standing by until three o'clock in case of an emergency call.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong prosecuted for the Peak Tramway Company, and Mr. C. S. Hughes appeared for the defence.

The prosecution withdrew the second charge, remarking that there was no evidence of actual interference with the machinery.

On the other counts Mr. Hiron pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant, who, he said, admitted entering the engine house.

Mr. Armstrong said that the defendant had expressed his regret. The Company did not wish to press the charges, as, fortunately, there were no serious consequences. In answer to his Worship, Mr. Armstrong said there was actual obstruction, and the engine driver was forced to leave the engine room for assistance in order to get the defendant out of the place. The point was that nobody was allowed to enter the engine room, and the defendant was trespassing by entering it.

His Worship decided to impose a fine of \$10 on the first charge and \$5 on the other count.

ARMED ROBBERY FRUSTRATED.

AMAH'S PRESENCE OF MIND.

THIEVES ATTACK THREE WOMEN.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. W. Schofield, a Chinese was accused of attempted robbery with violence. Two other Chinese coolies, who managed to "evade" capture, were also implicated in the alleged attempt.

The three witnesses were all women, resident at 9, Shanghai Street, first floor, the scene of the attempted crime, and were the wife of the man who rented the rooms, the mother of his concubine, and an amah. The man himself had been absent from Hong Kong for some little time.

The evidence showed that at 1 a.m. on the night of November 25th the wife and the mother-in-law were sewing in the front room when a knock was heard at the door. The amah admitted two men, one of whom carried a bucket and the other a coil of electric wire. They said they had come to see about the lights. One of the men then admitted the defendant. They seized the amah and threatened to kill her if she made a noise.

The mother asked them what they were doing, and they immediately left the amah and seized her by the throat, threatening her with knives. Taking this opportunity the amah rushed downstairs closely followed by the men. Reaching the road they made off but defendant was arrested by a Shantung constable.

The amah returned to the room to see if anyone had been hurt, and at the bidding of the constable threw down the bucket, the bundle of wires and a knife which had been left behind by the alleged robbers in their hurry.

The bucket was found to contain walnuts, gags and wire, and a sheath for a knife, made from rolled newspaper was also discovered on the floor of the room.

The case was adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning, when further evidence will be heard.

SEIZURE OF WINE ON A JUNK.

MASTER OR BLIND WOMAN?

A QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP.

The seizure of 23 jars of dubitable wine on board a junk at Shaikui was last week-end brought Lam Wai, alleged to be the master, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of possession of the wine.

Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios defended.

A junk on board the junk said the last trip was to Macao where the jars of wine were put on board. The defendant was present when the cargo was taken.

Mr. Remedios suggested that the defendant was not in fact the master. The name on the licence was Luang Sang Fat and witness said he had never heard it. Witness said he was engaged by the defendant and not by a blind woman.

A police witness said the defendant was pointed out to him on board another boat belonging to a blind woman. The defendant accused the woman of providing him with capital to import the wine from Macao, but she denied this. He understood that the woman was the principal in the transaction and also owned the junk.

Mr. Remedios argued that the woman was the owner of both the junk and wine, and the defendant's possession would cease as soon as the boat arrived in the Colony.

Mr. Lindsell suggested that an additional charge of importing should be added and adjourned the case until Thursday at noon.

TRAFFIC COURT.

A BATCH OF MINOR OFFENCES.

There were no cases of a serious nature for Major C. Wilson to deal with when he sat at the "Traffic" Court yesterday.

A Chinese motor driver was charged with reckless driving, and it was stated by Sub-Inspector Alexander that the defendant narrowly missed a coolie, who jumped out of the way just in time. Defendant, who had a previous conviction, was fined \$25 and warned to be more careful in future.

On a charge of speeding at 25 miles an hour, the driver of an Aberdeen bus was fined \$20.

For running his machine without an effective silencer and on another charge of passing a lorry on the wrong side of the road, a motor cycle owner was fined \$8.

Another motor cyclist who was detected coming down Ice House Street where only one-way traffic is permitted had to pay a fine of \$5.

A TRANSFERRED DEBT.

BUT NO FORMAL CONTRACT.

LAUNCH CAPTAIN'S CLAIM DISMISSED.

At the Summary Court yesterday morning, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) Ho Yuet Hing, 200, Temple Street, Yaumatei, sued Lau Fook Tso, 197, Reclamation Street, Mongkok, Kowloon, and Au Lun Sang, 12, Mongkok Road, for \$229.50, being balance of wages due as master on board the steam launch *Man Sang* from April 2nd to September 25th last year at the rate of \$50 per lunar month. Mr. W. D. Owen was for the plaintiff and Mr. D. McCallum defended.

Mr. Owen said that defendants owned a launch and the plaintiff was employed by the charterers as master. He worked for some months at this job, but the launch ultimately ceased to run.

In some way a debt was contracted between the charterers and the defendants and it was agreed between them that in consideration of that debt the defendants should pay the wages of the master and the crew. A document to that effect was acknowledged at a meeting at which all the parties were present.

When the document was produced in Court, His Lordship remarked that it was not a contract, and was not stamped.

Mr. Owen admitted this, and said although it was not stamped and was not a contract on the face of it, it was, according to evidence, an agreement between the parties, and was in the form of an acknowledgment. The launch was idle some time, and at last sank in the typhoon of August 20th, this year.

The original claim was for \$275, but \$47 had been repaid, leaving the balance claimed.

Replying to His Lordship, plaintiff said there was no contract between the defendants and himself.

His Lordship commented that it seemed to him that the wrong people were being sued.

Mr. Owen:—The question of responsibility for the debt was deliberately undertaken by the present defendants at that meeting.

His Lordship:—They have given no undertaking to you.

In reply to Mr. Owen regarding this, plaintiff said that although the document was between the defendants and the charterers, they really promised to pay him and that intention was stated at the meeting. He did not sue the charterers because they had no money and he understood that defendants owed the charterers money.

His Lordship finally held that no contract between the plaintiff and the defendants had been proved, and he entered judgment for the defendants with costs.

PRAYA MOTOR ACCIDENT.

INQUEST HELD YESTERDAY.

The sequel to the fatal motor accident at Praya East on December 3rd was heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon when Major C. Wilson held an inquest on the Chinese who was knocked down by the lorry and died as a result of injuries received.

The driver of the motor lorry, which belonged to the Ling Nan Transporting Co., was exonerated from blame by the jury who returned a verdict of accidental death. Medical evidence showed that the deceased suffered from a fractured rib and death was caused by internal haemorrhage.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

FIRST WHIST DRIVE OF THE SEASON.

The first Whist Drive of the Season at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, is to be held in the Cathedral Hall at 8.30 p.m. on Friday and the inauguration of a unique feature is announced.

How often have the scores of consistently good players been within a few points of that of the winner, and gone away disappointed? To provide at least some compensation for this (in addition to the distribution of valuable and useful prizes) at the end of each Drive, players will be asked to register their names and scores with the Secretary and at the end of the Season the lady or gentleman returning the highest accumulative score will be presented with a prize. The usual price of 50 cents for admission will be charged and this will include refreshments. All lovers of Whist will find in these fortnightly drives a means of social intercourse and an evening well spent.

STRANGE INCIDENT IN THE HARBOUR.

CHINESE PASSENGERS THREATEN OFFICERS.

PREPARE TO HANG THE COMPRADORE.

For some little time last night there was considerable excitement in the Harbour, at least on one ship in an out of the way section.

The incident might have proved very much worse than mere excitement and have proved very serious, for a number of European officers and the Chinese crew.

What was virtually an attempt to seize a ship was prevented by the prompt action of the Police and the Navy.

Only brief details could be obtained up to a late hour last night, but there were sufficient to show that while the affair lasted it was exciting and, as stated, fraught with personal danger to those on board.

The ship in question was the *Gorgistan* (owned by H. M. H. Nemaze, Prince's Building) which arrived in Hong Kong from Amoy about a week ago. When she arrived she had on board between 600 and 700 Chinese deck passengers from Amoy, who are understood to be proceeding to Singapore and other Straits ports.

The *Gorgistan*, it appears, is to be docked here, and for the past week has been at a buoy at Leitchok, awaiting the arrival of the *Seistan* to which ship the passengers are to be transferred to continue their voyage.

It appears that the passengers have not been allowed to land here, and resenting this, they last evening between 7 and 8 o'clock attempted to take matters into their own hands.

It would seem that they threatened the *compradore* "with hanging," for which purpose they had a rope ready. In a mass they began to move toward the European officers' quarters, there being no grilles, it is understood, or other barricades to prevent them leaving their quarters. The *Gorgistan* does not carry guards, and matters began to look ugly when the passengers started threatening the officers.

Message For Help.

A wireless message for assistance was sent out, and this quickly obtained response. In the meanwhile, before help arrived, the Captain had succeeded in pacifying the passengers.

Shortly afterwards three Water Police launches were on the scene, and also a tender from one of the warships in port; while a strong detachment of European, Indian and Chinese detectives and police from the Central Police Station were also despatched to the *Gorgistan*, in motor boats, under Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds and Detective Inspector Lane.

With the arrival of the police, peace was soon restored, and the passengers returned to their own section of the ship.

Throughout last night, Water Police launches patrolled the section in which the *Gorgistan* is lying and an armed Indian Police Guard was left on board, being relieved at regular intervals.

It is understood that the passengers will be transhipped to the *Seistan* this morning for the Straits.

Statements were taken by the police last night, but a detailed report of the incident will not be available until this morning.

CONSTABLE'S FUNERAL.

VICTIM OF SHOOTING AFFRAY.

AN IMPRESSIVE PROCESSION.

That considerable interest and sympathy has been aroused among all sections of the Chinese community by the death of two Chinese constables, in consequence of the recent shooting affray in the City, was evidenced yesterday afternoon, when the funeral took place of Chan Sing, the second of the Chinese constables who died as a result of the shooting.

Crowds of Chinese lined the route of the procession through the main thoroughfares to No. 7 Police Station.

Deceased was the constable who followed one of the robbers and was shot down near Connaught Garage. He was 27 years of age, joined the Police Force in December 1925, and had a good record.

The funeral was attended by representatives of all sections of the Police and the Police Reserve. Numbering well over 400 in all, the following sections were represented in the procession which proceeded in the following order:—

First came a detachment of Traffic Police and members of the Mobile Section of the Police Reserve. Then followed the Chinese cymbals and flutes together with the usual panoply of "joss" tables. Following the two tier canopy with the coffin, came Chinese detectives and friends, about 300 Chinese Police and District Watchmen, and a detachment of Indian Police, European Sergeants and the Police Reserve, including the Chinese, Indian and Sharpshooters' sections.

The procession started at 2 p.m. from the Government Civil Hospital Mortuary, and proceeded by way of Central Police Station, Wing Lok Street, Queen's Road, Bonham Strand, Des Voeux Road, West, No. 7 Police Station and Pokfulam Road to the University Cricket Ground, where, before the coffin was taken to the Chinese Cemetery at Pokfulam, a hall was made and fitting tribute paid to the deceased, all police officers and the rank and file, filing past and saluting the coffin, while those of the Police Reserve in white bowed three times.

Among those present were:— Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, Mr. W. B. Sparrow, A.S.P., Comdr. G. B. Hartford, D.S.P. (R.), Mr. Bishen Singh, Commissioner of Police Reserves, Mr. Sirdar Khan, A.S.P. (R.) and Chief Inspector W. Kent.

The Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow was present, and also represented the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, who was unable to attend owing to indisposition.

There was a profusion of wreaths, among the many tributes being those from the Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. L. V. H. Booth, Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds, Chief Inspector Kent, the Hon. Colonial Secretary, and Assistant Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp (Attorney-General), the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Comdr. G. B. Hartford, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, from all sections of the police, Police Reserve (all sections), officers of the Reserve, the Chinese mess, and many from the Chinese community.

CRICKET.

SCOTS GUARDS BEAT ROYAL ARTILLERY.

In a friendly match on the Indian Recreation Club ground yesterday the Scots Guards beat the Royal Artillery by 56 runs. Batting first, the Royal Artillery compiled 72 runs, Master-Gunner Fogden being top scorer with 20. Hargreaves took 3 wickets for 13 runs. The Scots Guards scored 128 runs for 9 wickets. Gus Hargreaves contributed 40 and Corp. McKimmie was not out 24.

Scores:—

Royal Artillery.

Mr. Gnr. Fogden, c McKimmie, b Erskine	90
Bar. Britnell, c Lynngam, b Erskine	14
Lieut. Rounington, o Baven	0
Gnr. Bacon, b Stiven	0
Dor. Clarke, b Erskine	0
Sergt. Leach, c and b Stiven	10
Bdr. Hole, l.b.w., b Hargreaves	6
Sergt. Jolly, c Graham, b Hargreaves	11
Lieut. Hall, b Stiven	5
Sergt. Glazebrook, c Chapman, b Hargreaves	0
Capt. Howard, not out	3
Extras	3

Total

72

Bowling Analysis.

Stiven	13	1	23	4
Erskine	8	1	31	3
Hargreaves	3	5	0	13
Bowled 1 No Ball				

Scots Guards.

Rev. J. Murray, run out	2
Gds. Chapman, c Hole, b Leach	1
Capt. Tynningham, c Bacon, b Leach	4
Capt. Graham, c Leach, b Clarke	12
Capt. Erskine, b Leach	16
Gds. Hargreaves, c Leach, b Bdr. Hole	40
Lieut. Hill, c Leach, b Clarke	10
Capt. Mayfield, c and b Clarke	0
Corpl. McKimmie, not out	24
Lieut. Milburne, run out	6
Extras	13

Total (9 wickets)

128

Gds. Stiven did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Leach	8	2	16	3
Clarke	11	2	53	3
Glazebrook	4	0	17	0
Hole	3	0	12	1
Howard	1	0	11	0
Bacon	1	1	0	0

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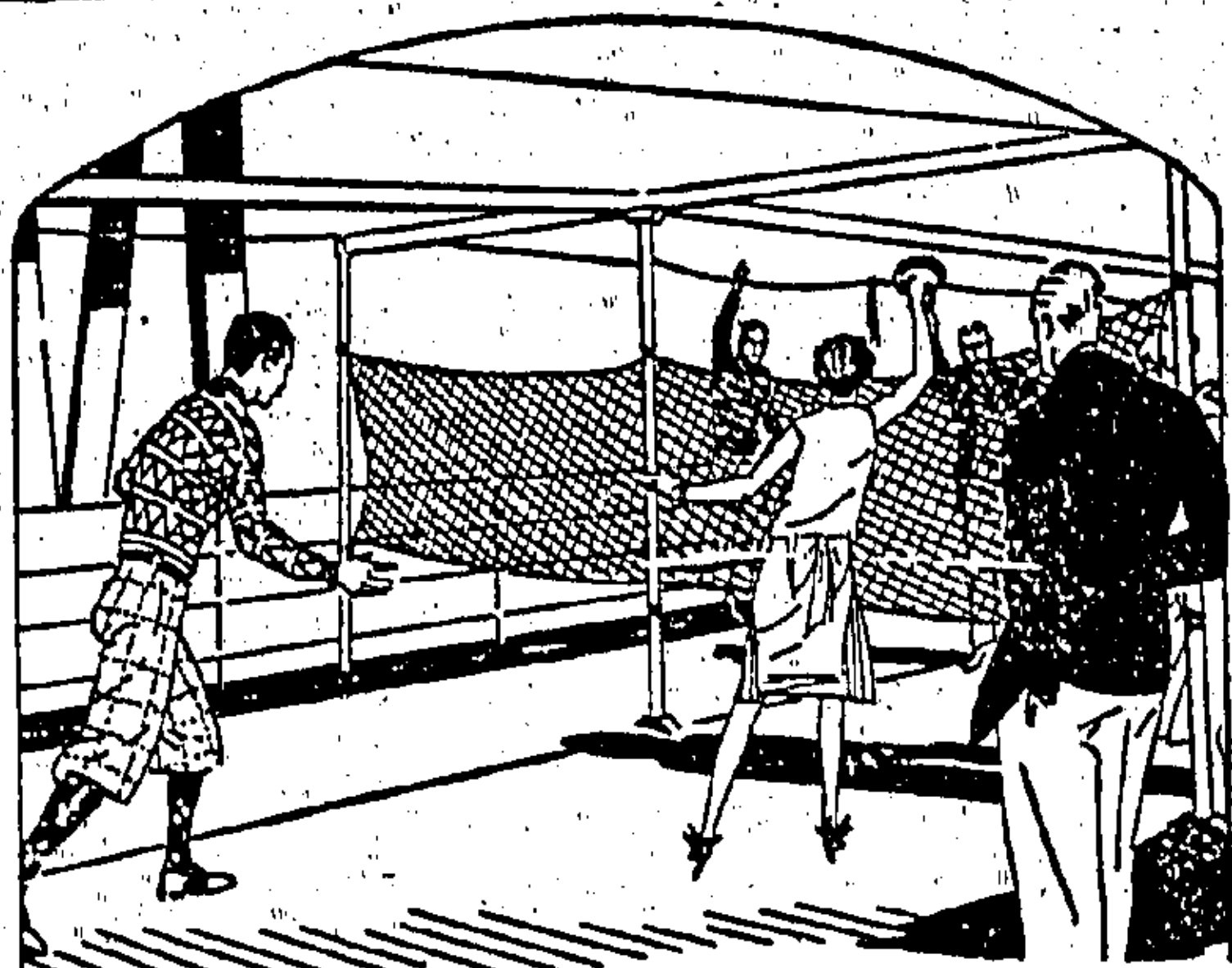
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R.H.K. GOLF CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

VERY SATISFACTORY POSITION.

The report of the committee of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club signed by the Captain, Mr. E. Davidson, which is to be submitted to the members at the general meeting to be held in the old Chamber of Commerce Room at the City Hall on December 21st (next Wednesday), at 5.30 p.m., states:—

For the period October 1st, 1926, to September 30th, 1927, there were 79 resident members and 34 new members of the Junior Section. The Club membership now stands as follows:—Honorary Members, 3; Life Members, 4; Full Members, 498; Restricted Members, 49; Non-Playing Members, 80; Absent Members, 951; Naval Subscribers, 21; Military Subscribers, 37. Total: 1,531.

Junior Section:—Resident Members, 88; Absent Members, 35. Total: 123.

Total membership of the two sections: 1,654.

In addition 434 ladies are registered as being granted the use of the Courses and Club Houses.

The Competitions.

The Championship (1926) was won by Mr. I. W. Shewan, the runner-up being Mr. T. D. E. Pendered.

Other competitions resulted as follows:—Jasper Clark Cup (1926), Mr. A. H. Ferguson.

Happy Valley Championship (1927), Mr. R. M. Smith.
Captain's Cup (1926), Mr. I. W. Shewan.

Shanghai Visitors' Cup (1927), Mr. N. L. Smith.

Governor's Shield (1926), Royal Army Medical Corps (Col. S. Boylan Smith and Major J. P. Lynch).

Junior Championship (1927), Mr. W. J. Clerk.

The Committee.

The following served on the General Committee:—

Messrs. E. Davidson (Captain), D. G. Bruce, J. W. Franks, L. S. Greenhill, A. K. Henderson, C. D. Lambert, R. L. Moncrieff, T. D. E. Pendered, N. L. Smith, D. Templeton, G. S. Archibut, L. G. S. Dodwell.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linsted & Davis, who retire and do not offer themselves for re-election.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming offer themselves for election.

Finance.

The balance sheet, which will be presented at the meeting, reflects a very successful year.

The Lodging Account at Fanling stands at \$2,350 which proves that members appreciate this admirable way, for a golfer, of spending a week-end.

The upkeep of courses has cost more this year than in the previous one, but this is owing to expenses at Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay; the upkeep of Fanling is placed at a slightly lower figure than it was a year ago. Even if it were not so, the upkeep of his course is the one expense about which a golfer cannot really grumble.

The balance carried forward from 1926 was \$86,412, and this has been increased by \$8,687 to \$95,110, a very satisfactory profit on the year's working. It is noticeable that very liberal allowances are made for depreciation, a sure sign that an institution feels quite happy about its affairs.

The stock in hand is valued at \$7,512, composed as follows:—Clubs, \$482.91; Balls, \$1,130.70; Reprinted Balls, \$5.70; Wines, Cigars, etc., \$3,764.84; Sundries, \$1,307; Provisions—Fanling, \$731.

LOCAL GOLF.

FOR KOWLOON FOURSOMES DRAW.

The first round of the Hong Kong Foursomes of the Kowloon Golf Club will be played on Sunday, December 18th. The following is the result of the draw:—

First Round.

Johnstone and Dewhurst (A. S. Watson & Co.) v. McKnight and Cowherd (Mustard & Co.).

Byes.

S. J. Jordan and H. Overy (Wm. Powell, Ltd.).

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Howard and Slipper (Kowloon Godown Co.).

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Page and Thomson (Dairy Farm).
Trevor and Partner (Kowloon Canton Railway).
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FOOTBALL.

F.A. CUP DRAW.

TIES FOR THE THIRD ROUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 12th.

The draw for the Third Round of the Association Cup, the matches in which are to be played on January 14th, has resulted as follows:—

Middlesborough v. South Shields.
Rotherham v. Exeter.
London Caledonians v. Crew.
Hull v. Leicester.

Liverpool v. Darlington.
Huddersfield v. Lincoln.
Southport v. Fulham.

Notre Forest v. Tranmere.
Blackpool v. Oldham.
Manchester U. v. Brentford.

Stoke v. Gillingham.
Cardiff v. Southampton.
Arsenal v. West Bromwich.

Charlton v. Kettering v. Bury.
Wrexham v. Swansea.
Wendnesday v. Bournemouth.

Bristol City v. Tottenham.
Preston N.E. v. Erykton.
Port Vale v. Barnsley.

Millwall v. Derby.
Notts County v. Sheffield U.
Bolton v. Luton.

Birmingham v. Peterborough.
New Brighton v. Corinthians.
Sunderland v. Northampton.

Manchester City v. Leeds.
Blackburn v. Newcastle.
Swindon or Crystal Palace v. Orient.

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Reading v. Grimsby.
Burley v. Aston Villa.

Wolverhampton v. Chelsea.
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INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

ANOTHER TRIAL TO-DAY.

Another Interport Football Trial match will be played this afternoon, on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, when the Interport Trial team that turned out a fortnight ago will oppose the Royal Air Force. Sgt. Hyson, R.A.M.C., will referee, and the game begins at 4.15 p.m. sharp.

A good game should be seen in view of the result of the R.A.F. Club de Recreo game at King's Park on Saturday. Vernon, the star of the R.A.F. attack, will lead the selected team and, therefore, be in opposition to his own team.

The same forward line that beat the Scots Guards by six goals to two, i.e., Tio Kwai Shing, Gossano, Vernon, Suen Kum Shun and the Rev. Alexander, C.F., will be out. Howard will be tried out at left back in partnership with Wyne.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

UNIVERSITY v. LING NAM UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the University v. Ling Nam University to-morrow (Thursday), at 3 p.m., on the Hong Kong University ground:—

G. G. Edwards; G. S. Scully, E. L. Harrison; Y. K. Ng, S. P. Loh, H. T. Bee; T. K. Tan, T. W. Chong, B. V. Jap, A. P. Gutierrez, P. C. Lim.

Reserves: L. Oppenheim, H. Braga, E. K. Lip.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

EFFICIENT RAILWAY SECTION.

The Railway Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade teams held their final competition for the Ho Fook Cup on the Kowloon Football Club ground on Monday afternoon.

The results obtained showed that despite the fact that members of this particular division are prevented from regularly attending the field days organized by the Brigade they have attained a high standard of efficiency.

This year the Railway Division competed for the Cup in eight squads of four men each.

Among those present at the final competition on Monday were Messrs. R. Baker, D. A. Walker, J. Morris, W. F. Cuff, E. Ralphs, A. Morris, Dr. E. R. Dovey and the Examining Officers, Drs. Major Lynch and Major Campbell.

The two teams in the final were (Winners)—U. Po Yin, Lam Heung Wing, Li Chung and Li Yeung Fan. (Runners-up)—Chau, Yik, Lam Hon Cheong, Li Ping Tsan and Lo Lo Yu.

The winners were awarded 75 per cent marks for efficiency, the judges and the runners-up, 50 per cent.

Dixon and McQueen (Naval Yard).

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McLaggan and Gray (Kowloon Dock).

First Round.

Labrum and Labrum (Ye Olde Printer) v. Paterson and Austin (A. S. Watson & Co.).

FANLING HUNT.

[By RAPIER.]

Subscribers are reminded of the military gymkhana to be held on Sunday next on the Kwantia Race Course, commencing at 3 p.m. There are seven events on the card and entries close at 6 p.m. to-day and should be sent to Major Lee Warner at the Gunners Camp, Fanling. The third event is a post entry for members of the Hunt and it will consist of "A" and "B" classes to be run simultaneously and the Owner of the first "B" class pony put the post will receive a cup presented by the Master of the Hunt.

There will be a "Bookie" on the Course and motor cars may be parked free of charge. It promises to be a really good show and those who want tiffin at the Hunters Arms should send in their names at once to Mr. M. M. Maas (Tel. C. 1044), and in any case not later than noon on Friday the 16th.

Entries close to-day for the Steeplechase meeting on the 24th and I hear that they are likely to be more plentiful than usual. Four ponies have been secured from Macao by members of the Hunt namely, *Peking, Castle, Honeycomb and Chin Shan* and their contribution to the racing will be welcomed.

NEW TENNIS RULING.

WRITERS TO LOSE AMATEUR STATUS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 12th.

The Lawn Tennis Association, at its annual meeting in London, has passed a resolution prohibiting players from writing for money, who henceforward will lose their amateur status.

M.C.C. TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DRAW WITH TRANSVAAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PRETORIA, Dec. 12th.

The match between the M.C.C. and the Transvaal was left drawn. The M.C.C. in their first innings made 205, the damage with the ball being done by Vincent, who took six wickets for 50 runs. In their second innings, however, the victor-made 338 runs for the loss of only three wickets, Holmes making 184 (not out).

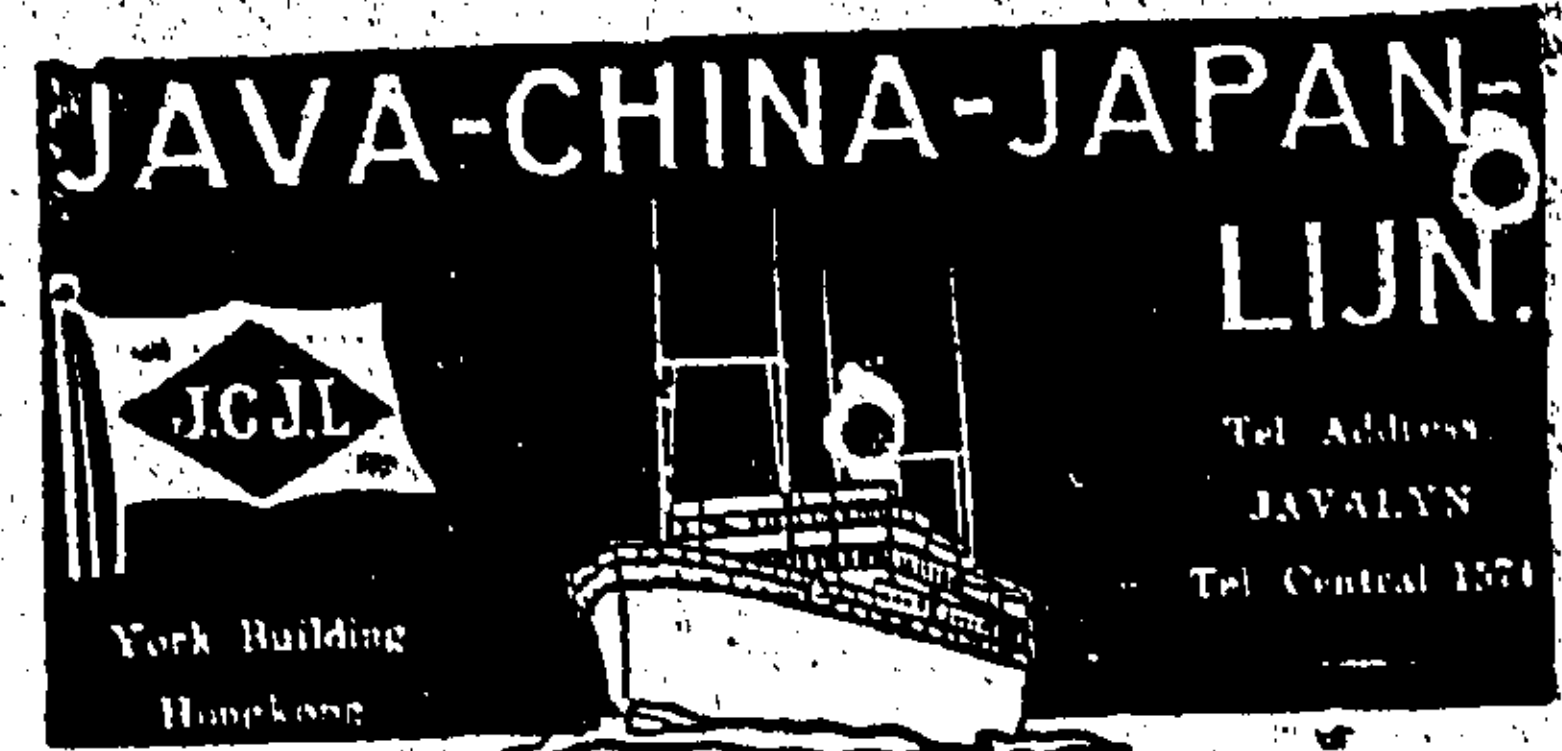
Transvaal made 382 for the loss of seven wickets (declared). The match was drawn.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

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TJISALAK	JAVA, MACASSAR	16th "	18th "	AMOT & N. CHINA
TJISONDARI	N. C. & AMOT	18th "	18th "	BATAVIA
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AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO "CHINHA"	On 19th Dec.	5 p.m.
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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO "CHINHA"	On 24th Dec.	8 a.m.
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AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE "CHINHA"	On 26th Dec.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK "CHINHA"	On 26th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO "CHINHA"	On 28th Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI "CHINHA"	On 29th Dec.	8 a.m.
WEIHOW, CHEFOO & "CHINHA"	On 30th Dec.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO "CHINHA"	On 31st Dec.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE "CHINHA"	On 1st Jan.	7 a.m.
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ARRIVALS.

December 12th.

Chusan, British str., 1,335 tons, Capt. Robert Kettlewell, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Elou, British str., 4,405 tons, Capt. L. S. Jones, from San Pedro and Yokohama. The latter port she left on December 8th, with 6,900 tons of kerosene, lying at North Point—A.P.C.

Haiyang, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. O. H. Farrer, from Penang and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 4th, with firewood and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17—Lee Fat S.S. Co.

December 13th.

Bendorn, British str., 2,357 tons, Capt. J. P. Drummond, from Middlesbrough and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 4th, with explosives and general cargo, lying at buoy No. B35—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Diomed, British str., 6,339 tons, Capt. T. R. Ireland, from Yokohama and Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1—B. & S.

Haruna Maru, Japanese str., 6,311 tons, Capt. Kamoto, from London and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 7th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

President Jackson, American str., 14,123 tons, Capt. John Griffith, from Seattle, Victoria, Japan ports and Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 10th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—American Mail Line.

President Pierce, American str., 14,123 tons, Capt. Henry Nelson, from Manila, which port she left on December 11th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.

Saijin Maru, Japanese str., 1,307 tons, Capt. J. Ikenaga, from Keelung, which port she left on December 10th, with 2,021 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. C4—M.B.K.

CLEARANCES.

December 13th.

Atlantic, for Chinwangtao.

Bendorn, for Takao.

Chak Sang, for Swatow.

Chinua, for Swatow.

Chusan, for Canton.

Diomed, for Singapore.

El Oro, for Manila.

Garmula, for Shanghai.

Hai Ching, for Swatow.

Hai Yang, for Swatow.

Haruna Maru, for Shanghai.

Hellas, for Swatow.

Ichigo Maru, for Calcutta.

Maote, for Whampoa.

President Pierce, for Shanghai.

Prosper, for Saigon.

Shiu King, for Macao.

Tak Hing, for Antau.

Toyo Maru No. 1, for Tsingtao.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail and Dollar Lines.

President Garfield, Dec. 17th.
President Taft, Dec. 19th.
President McKinley, Dec. 23th.
President Harrison, Dec. 31st.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taipei, Jan. 7th.
Changte, Feb. 7th.

Bank Line.

City of Lahore, Dec. 17th.
City of Peking, Dec. 24th.
City of Calcutta, Jan. 14th.
City of Madras, Jan. 21st.
City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Antenor, to-morrow.
Machon, Dec. 17th.
Machon, Dec. 20th.
Pelous, Dec. 20th.
Tyndar, Dec. 25th.
Patroclus, Dec. 25th.
Perseus, Dec. 29th.
Izium, Dec. 29th.
Pyrrhus, Dec. 30th.
Myrmidon, Jan. 7th.
Rhezenor, Jan. 8th.
Hector, Jan. 13th.
Mentor, Jan. 17th.
Proteus, Jan. 17th.
Troilus, Jan. 22nd.
Neleus, Jan. 31st.
Ningchow, Feb. 2nd.
Philoctetes, Feb. 8th.
Talthybius, Feb. 7th.
Aeneas, Feb. 13th.
Autolykus, Feb. 15th.
Achilles, Feb. 15th.
Miles, Feb. 28th.
Belisophon, Mar. 2nd.
Calchas, Mar. 4th.
Sarpidon, Mar. 8th.

British India and Apcar Line.

Tilawa, Dec. 17th.
Takliwa, Dec. 15th.
Garmula, Jan. 18th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Asia, Dec. 25th.
Doddwell & Co.
Corby Castle, Jan. 1st.
Vimale, Jan. 5th.
Hoves Castle, Jan. 22nd.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Java, Jan. 15th.
Australia, Feb. 22nd.
Asia, Mar. 14th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, Dec. 27th.
Arifura, Jan. 2nd.
Tanda, Feb. 8th.

Glen Line.

Glendie, Dec. 22nd.
Glenamoy, Jan. 20th.
Glenwanda, Jan. 26th.
Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.
Glenluce, Feb. 19th.

Hamburg-America Line and

Hugo Stinnes Linie.
Vogland, to-morrow morning.
Rames, Dec. 19th.
Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.
Oldenburg, Jan. 12th.
Havelland, Jan. 28th.
Macklenburg, Feb. 5th.
Emil Kurdo, Feb. 25th.

Holland East Asia Line.

Zosma, to-day.
Oostkerk, Jan. 10th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjisalak, Dec. 17th.
Tjibodai, Dec. 19th.
Tjimanock, Dec. 22nd.
Tjikembang, Dec. 26th.
Tjikini, Jan. 2nd.
Tjilwong, Jan. 2nd.
Tjitaroca, Jan. 5th.
Tjitaroen, Jan. 16th.
Tjipondari, Jan. 19th.

(Continued on next Column.)

SHIP CANAL PAYS.

MANCHESTER GETS 1d. OFF THE RATES.

Some idea of the tremendous value to Manchester of the Manchester Ship Canal Company and the vastness of the undertaking was given by the Lord Mayor (Alderman J. H. Smiles) at a luncheon on the occasion of the house-warming of the new Ship Canal House.

Referring to the building, Alderman Smiles said it was one of which Manchester was proud, and one which showed that Manchester was progressive.

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Message Maritimes.

Lt. St. Loubert, Dec. 17th.
Chenonceaux, Dec. 21st.
Angers, Jan. 4th.
D'Aragnon, Jan. 18th.
General Metzinger, Feb. 1st.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Lyons Maru, to-day.
Onaka Maru, to-day.
Aki Maru, to-morrow.
Kamakura Maru, to-morrow.
Hakozaki Maru, Dec. 16th.
Bakuyo Maru, Dec. 17th.
Akita Maru, Dec. 18th.
Bangoon Maru, Dec. 18th.
Matsuyama Maru, Dec. 20th.
Tango Maru, Dec. 20th.
Takaoka Maru, Dec. 20th.
Kamo Maru, Dec. 23th.
Seiyo Maru, Dec. 23th.
Nagano Maru, Dec. 23th.
Hakusan Maru, Dec. 30th.
Tottori Maru, Dec. 30th.
Cingyo Maru, Jan. 13th.
Citano Maru, Jan. 13th.
Calcutta Maru, Feb. 19th.
Tatsumo Maru, Feb. 19th.
Mishimi Maru, Feb. 19th.
Calcutta Maru, Feb. 19th.
Mishima Maru, Feb. 21st.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Koenigsberg, to-morrow.
Derfflinger, Dec. 18th.
Saarbruecken, Jan. 17th.
Coblentz, Feb. 14th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Jeyapore, to-day.
Kalyan, to-day.
Devanah, Dec. 23rd.
Kashgar, Dec. 23rd.
Jetta, Dec. 31st.
Malwa, Jan. 6th.
Nellore, Jan. 13th.
Khyber, Jan. 20th.
Khiva, Jan. 27th.
Macedonia, Feb. 3rd.
Nagapore, Feb. 18th.
Kashmir, Feb. 17th.
Mantua, Mar. 1st.
Lahore, Mar. 11th.
Mongolia, Mar. 16th.
Morea, Mar. 29th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Canton, Jan. 5th.
Delhi, Jan. 13th.

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SHANGHAI via AMOI	"FOOKSANU"	Fri., 16th Dec., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Thurs., 15th Dec., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Fri., 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m.
KOBE via AMOI, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"KUMSANG"	Satur., 24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	1928— Satur., 7th Jan., at 7 a.m.

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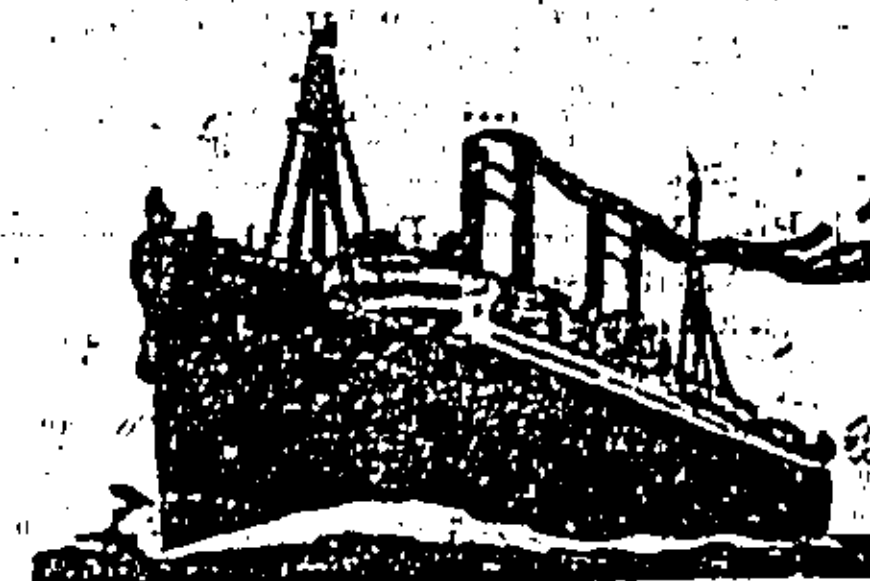
Motor Vessel "GLENOGLE"	22nd December
Motor Vessel "GLENAMOIY"	20th January, 1928
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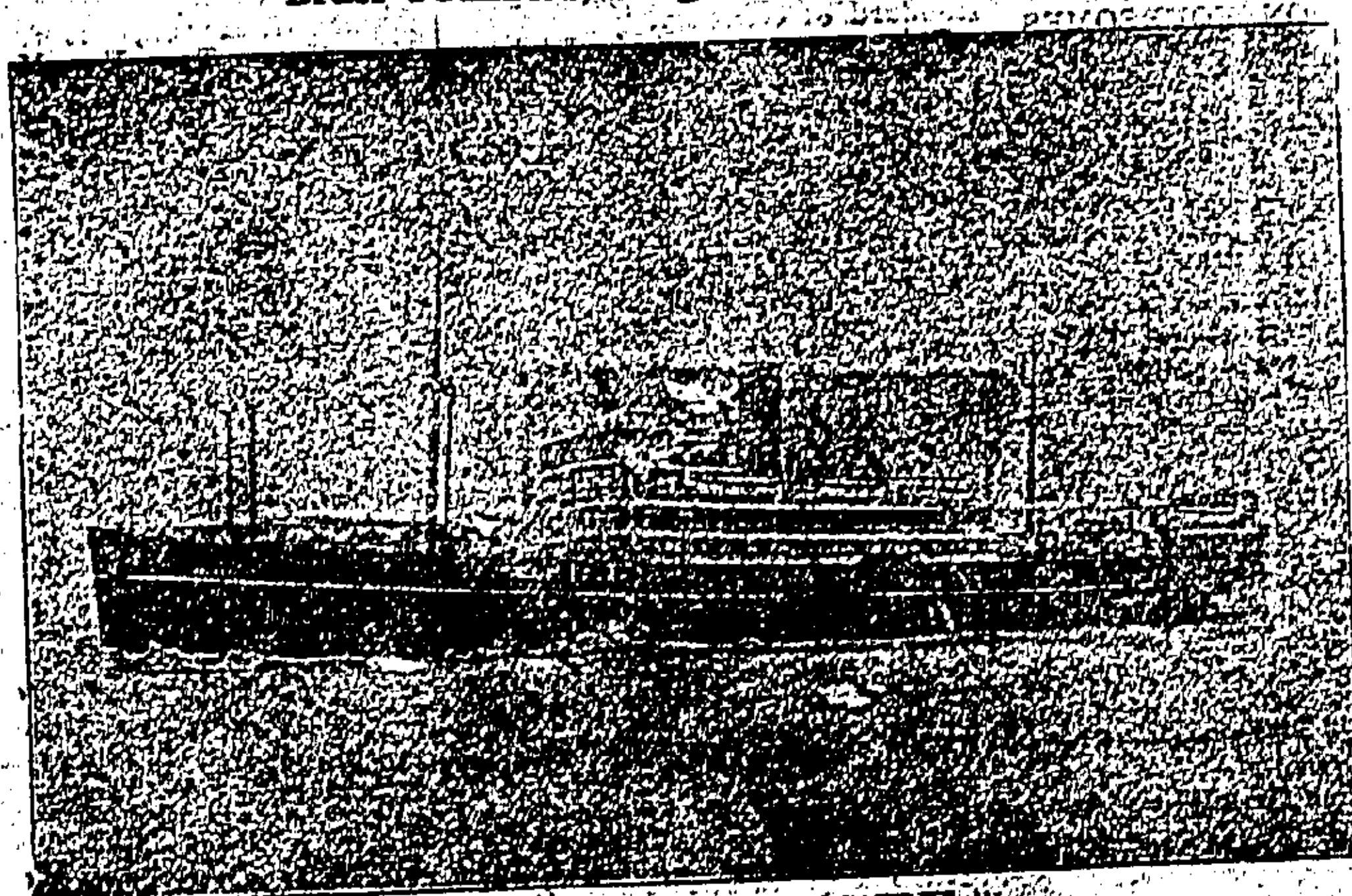
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HAKUSAN MARU ... Saturday, 31st Dec.
KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 14th Jan., 1928.

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AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Jan., 1928.

POMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

GENOA MARU ... Tuesday, 27th Dec.
AWA MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Jan., 1928.

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Daily Statement, Waterfront
News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

ALL BRITISH THROUGH
CARGOES.

LOW LOCAL IMPORTS.

Through freights carried for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were all in British vessels, and the total tonnage showed a normal entry. Local imports were, however, low.

There were only 5,118 tons of merchandise imported, of which 1,101 tons were contributed by six British ships. The only four figure return was 2,300 tons of coal brought by the German steamer *Katke*, from Hongay.

There were no through freights carried in any foreign merchantmen, but 12,883 tons were manifested by five British steamers. The two heaviest contributors were the *Diomed* and the *Wray Castle*. The former arriving from Yokohama and Shanghai had 6,279 tons and the latter from New York and Manila carried 5,098 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	7	3
Japanese	0	4
Chinese	4	3
German	1	0
Total	12	10

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 13th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 1 p.m.
Barometer...	29.99	30.00	29.97
Temperature...	69	67	69
Humidity...	62	77	80
Wind...			
Direction	E	E	E
Force	4	4	5
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air temperature, 12th: 76
Lowest open-air temperature, 13th: 68

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 14th to 20th 1927.

Days of Week	Date of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed.	14	6.11 a.m.	6.11	1.11 p.m.	1.11
Thurs.	15	6.38 a.m.	6.38	1.38 p.m.	1.38
Fri.	16	6.39 a.m.	6.39	1.39 p.m.	1.39
Sat.	17	6.34 a.m.	6.34	1.34 p.m.	1.34
Sun.	18	6.23 a.m.	6.23	1.23 p.m.	1.23
Mon.	19	6.13 a.m.	6.13	1.13 p.m.	1.13
Tues.	20	6.04 a.m.	6.04	1.04 p.m.	1.04

Chinese Deck Passengers.

Chinese deck passengers numbering 502 were brought into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by two steamers.

Died At Sea.

Among 480 Chinese deck passengers on the s.s. *Yingling*, from Peking and Singapore, one died of consumption during the voyage.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT.

[BY LONGHORN & CO.]

Mr. C. Harris Walker, master of the s.s. *Chinkua*, was summoned before Commander G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court yesterday for giving false information with regard to his port clearance.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$100.

"Anjou" "Wing Hung" Collision.

The circumstances surrounding the collision of these two steamers will be investigated to-morrow morning when a Court of Enquiry will be held at the Marine Court.

The composition of the Court is as follows:—Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master (President); Lieut. Comdr. Faulkner, H.M.S. *Argus*; Lieut. Comdr. T. Prichard, R.N.R., master of s.s. *Taishan*; Capt. R. Dodds, master of s.s. *Achilles*, and Capt. C. A. Mutton, master of s.s. *Wing On*.

In Dock.

The s.s. *Taishan*, of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company went to dock for overhaul and refit following her arrival from Canton on Monday afternoon. This leaves the *Fat-shan*, *Kinsan* and *Lingshan* booked for double runs, although sailings are still uncertain in view of the unsettled conditions at Canton.

As it is all steamers are leaving there earlier.

Sentence Reduced.

Before the same Court, Mr. M. K. Lo made an application for the review of the sentence passed upon the seven men who were charged last week with boarding the s.s. *President* without permission from the ship's officers.

It will be recalled that fifteen of the men were each sentenced to one month's hard labour, while the other two, who each had a previous conviction, were sentenced to two months' goal.

Mr. Lo urged that a case of a similar nature would have been met with a fine in England, but in this case the men were sentenced to imprisonment owing to pressure from the Police. He said that he had taken the matter up with the Police and they had agreed to the case being re-heard.

His Worship commuted the sentence of the fifteen men from one month to six days, or in other words, they were released yesterday. The sentence of the other two who had a previous conviction held good.

Chinese Deck Passengers.

Chinese deck passengers numbering 502 were brought into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by two steamers.

Died At Sea.

Among 480 Chinese deck passengers on the s.s. *Yingling*, from Peking and Singapore, one died of consumption during the voyage.

Heavy Oil Shipment.

A heavy oil shipment was landed here yesterday from the s.s. *Wray Castle*. She came into port from New York and Manila with 122,000 cases of kerosene.

Tide Tables.

The following Notice to Mariners has been issued by the Marine Department of the Marine Customs at Shanghai under date December 3rd.

The following new publication issued by the Hydrographic Department of the Chinese Navy is now procurable at the Cost Inspector's Office:—

Tide Tables for Side Saddles and Wooding at entrance to Yangtze River for 1928. Price \$3.

This notice is issued at the request of the Hydrographic Department of the Chinese Navy.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Jeypore* left Dalry for Hong Kong on the 9th inst. at noon, with the mails, and is due here to-day (Wednesday) at about noon.

The s.s. *Tilawa* (B.I. and Apar Line) will leave Amoy for Hong Kong on Friday, the 16th inst., and is due here on Saturday afternoon.

According to a wireless message received yesterday morning the m.v. *Fagland* (H.A.L.), is due to arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow (Thursday) morning.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *France*, *South Wall Basin*, *Robt. Peter*, *Tern*, *Khariki*, East Wall Basin, *S/Ms. L.4, L.19*, North Arm, *Argus*, West Wall Dock, *Hawkins*, *Petersfield*, In Dock, *Sterling*, *Stormcloud*, *Cicada*, *Nessus*, No. 1 Buoy, *Witherington*, No. 2 Buoy, *Carlisle*, No. 3 Buoy, *Bluebell*, No. 4 Buoy, *Herald*, No. 5 Buoy, *Proquois*, No. 6 Buoy, *Brude*, No. 7 Buoy, *Cantor*, No. 8 Buoy, *Ambrise*, S/Ms. *L.2, L.27*, No. 10 Buoy, *Seraph*, *Sepoy*, No. 11 Buoy, *Seraph*, *Siridar*, No. 12 Buoy, *Thracian*, No. 13 Buoy, *Voltaire*, No. 14 Buoy, *Belgo*, No. 15 Buoy, *West of Fort*, No. 16 Buoy, *Ruthenia*.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December 14th	6.54 a.m.	5.41 p.m.
" 15th	6.53	5.41
" 16th	6.53	5.41
" 17th	6.53	5.42
" 18th	6.53	5.42
" 19th	6.53	5.43
" 20th	6.53	5.43
" 21st	6.53	5.44
" 22nd	6.53	5.44
" 23rd	6.53	5.44
" 24th	6.53	5.45
" 25th	6.53	5.46
" 26th	6.53	5.46
" 27th	6.53	5.47
" 28th	6.53	5.47
" 29th	6.53	5.48
" 30th	6.53	5.48
" 31st	6.53	5.49

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"MOREA"	10,953	7th Jan., 1928	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th Jan.	Straits and Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	9,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MALWA"	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MACEDONIA"	11,180	3rd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"KARMALA"	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th April	do.
"KASHGAR"	5,005	12th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	9,155	8th June	do.
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"TANDA"	9,856	2nd Mar.	Sydney and Melbourne.

